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My dear Sir

I find that from different causes our Special meeting of Comm. on the W. India question cannot be held before ~~the~~ Friday the 31st Inst. We will therefore consider it fixed for that day, unless it should be inconvenient to you. I am desirous however it should not be later than the 31st if possible.

I shall feel obliged by your informing me of the points at which it is decided that Messrs May, Dixon, and Bernau should be placed; as I did not make a note of them when you were here. Also of any other Parishes on which it is known that Missionaries from the C.M.S. could be placed. I beg to suggest that in placing our Missionaries two points should be especially kept in view: 1 a large population in the Parish to which the Missionary is appointed Chaplain ~~Minister~~; 2 facility for placing Catechists stations around him, which he could conveniently superintend. In this view I rather doubt the eligibility of the station you suggested for Bernau. You will also bear in

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mind yt. Dixon is only in Deacon's Orders. Is it at all probable yt. ye Bp. wd. give him Priest's Orders? I shd. think not.

Let us have the Statements you kindly undertook, as soon as you can.

I hope Mrs. Dalton's health is improved.

Very truly Yrs
D. Coates

Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House,
London, October 14. 1834.

My Dear Sir,

1. No Letter from you has reached us since the despatch of my last of the 7th of August, of which a Duplicate is enclosed, but we have received a Letter from Mr. C. Carter of July the 1st; and one from Mr. T. Youd of June the 30th, with his Journal for June, and Correspondence with the Governor.

2. By the ship which takes this, the "Margaret Hall", Davidson, Master, we forward our Publications to the present date, which will inform you generally of the progress of the Society both at home and abroad. We trust it is enjoying much of the Divine blessing; though — as is to be expected in such a work as that in which it is engaged — with many difficulties and trials.

3. Our West Indies question still remains in a state of suspense. This is very painful, considering the peculiar situation of the enfranchised people.

4. Mr. Carter had better continue at his present post till our future course in British Guiana is ascertained.

5. We are glad to observe the diligence and activity of Mr. Youd in the prosecution of his labours.

6. There is no objection on our part to your remitting to us whatever contributions may be made to the Society's funds in British Guiana, and the whole of the expense for the Bartica Point Mission, being drawn for upon me, under your sanction.

I am compelled to conclude this scanty letter abruptly, Rev. R. Panton, Nov. 5

with kind regards to Mr. Strong and Messrs. Carter and Wood.

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Truly and affectionately yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
London, November 5. 1834.

My Dear Sir.

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of Sept. 10th. of which a Duplicate is enclosed; and we have now to acknowledge yours of the 14th. of August.

2. In reference to Par. 1 of your letter above acknowledged, the Committee yesterday adopted the Resolution copied below. You will hence perceive that the Committee have sanctioned the payment to the Rev. C. R. Dallas of the Bill for £150 drawn in his favour by the Corr. Committee, "as the repayment of expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his official duties as Secretary of the Jamaica Corresponding Committee." This Resolution was adopted with entire unanimity and a grateful sense of the valuable services rendered to the Society by Mr. Dallas while filling the office of Secretary to the Corresponding Committee.

3. You will also perceive that in order to relieve you from all uncertainty in reference to defraying expenses incurred by the Secretary in the discharge of his official duties the Committee have sanctioned the payment of them "in time to come, as they arise." This in fact is no more than an act of justice to the Individual holding the Secretaryship; and it is more convenient that such expenses should be paid at once as a part of your current expenditure than be suffered to accumulate to a large amount before they are provided for.

4. My more immediate object however in writing at present is to transmit the enclosed letter from James Stephen, Esqr., of the 1st. Inst., forwarding to us a copy of a "Circular" from the Colonial

Secretary to the Governors of the West Indies' Colonies, and a set of "Questions" in reference to the extension of religious instruction and education among the enfranchised People. You will rejoice with us to observe the footing on which the duty of providing for this object is placed in Mr. Stephen's letter. It is indeed grateful and cheering to find the Government of our country avowing and acting on principles so wise and just, calculated at once to promote the civil well-being of the people under their rule and their participation in the spiritual blessings of the Gospel of Christ.

5. We request your immediate attention to the instructions contained in these communications. It will however be requisite in framing the replies that the peculiar situation in which the Ch. Miss. Society is placed in reference to its operations in Jamaica, should be borne in mind, and the consequent obstacles to its free and efficient working. It might perhaps be advisable that those questions which refer to what has been done or is now in progress should be answered by the Rev. W. L. Bell and the several Catechists; and those of a prospective nature by the Correspondg. Commee. The last can indeed only be answered properly by the Corr. Committee; and the bearing of some of them upon the points in discussion between the Society and the Bishop of the Diocese render it the more necessary that the replies to them should be framed by those who are thoroughly acquainted with the views of the Parent Committee on those points, as well as with all local circumstances bearing on the subjects. You will have the kindness not to lose sight of the wish of Government as to the period at which the information should be forwarded to this country. While transmitting Papers which exhibit views so comprehensive and benevolent with respect to the amelioration of the condition of the enfranchised population, it is painful to consider how little under present circumstances the C. M. S. can do in furtherance of the plans of Government. — We must add that we are not sanguine that existing difficulties will be surmounted. The Committee however have not yet decided on their future course. We shall probably be able to inform you by the next Packet.

You will have the kindness not to fail to forward to us a copy of the replies which may be made to the Questions so that

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we may be sure to receive them not later than the period at which those transmitted by the Governor reach the Colonial Office. We beg to add that Mr. Stephen kindly allows us to forward this communication through the Colonial Office and authorizes us to receive your reply through him. You will therefore address that reply to him under cover to the "Secretaries of the Church Missionary Society, Church Missionary House."

Some other points on which I wished to address you, I am compelled to postpone till the next Packet.

I remain,

My Dear Sir,

Truly and affectionately yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C. M. S.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,

London, November 8. 1834.

My Dear Sir,

I wrote to you by this Packet on the 5th Inst. through the Colonial Office, transmitting certain Questions relative to the religious instruction and education of the Emancipated Population from H. M. Government.

2. The detention of the Packet enables me to add to the contents of that letter that the Committee yesterday decided that the Rev. Messrs. May, Bernau, and Morris, and Mr. Seldon, a Catechist, should proceed to Jamaica immediately.

The Resolution then adopted awaits confirmation next Monday; but as we have every reason to expect that it will then be confirmed, it appeared desirable not to miss the present opportunity to apprize you of the course contemplated by the Committee, that you may be taking preparatory steps accordingly.

3. We learn from the Rev. C. R. Dallas, that it was the view of the Corr. Committee, that the Rev. C. May should be placed at Amity Hall, St. Thomas in the East. A passage will therefore be taken for him if practicable direct to Morant Bay, that

he may proceed at once to that property.

4. We have had application from the Proprietor of Swanswick, in Trelawny, to place a Missionary on that property, under the 36th Clause of the Clergy Law; and it is probable that the Committee will close with the proposal.

5. The agents here of the Estates of John Blagrave, Esq. situated in St. Ann's, are likely, we think, to receive one of the Society's Missionaries in the same way, though this point will not be decided I presume, without a reference to the Island. It is desirable however that you should be aware of the circumstance.

6. There is one circumstance of a general nature in reference to the employment of the Society's Missionaries on Jamaica Properties under the abovementioned clause of the Clergy Law to which the attention of the Committee has been strongly drawn. It is this that the Committee should be guarded against the sudden or capricious removal of a Missionary after he is appointed, or the withdrawal of any pecuniary or other advantages stipulated for at the outset. The Comm^ee. therefore wish that in every instance such arrangement shall be made by the Corr. Committee with any Proprietor or Attorney desirous of placing a Missionary of the Society upon an Estate as Private or Domestic Chaplain, that, when actually appointed, he shall not be liable to be removed except by the Committee, their Representatives in the Island, or by process in an Ecclesiastical Court, subjecting him to the suspension of his ministerial functions by due course of law. An arrangement of this kind appears to the Committee essential in order to give reasonable permanency and stability to our operations, and to secure the Missionary against the effects of casual and ungrounded dissatisfaction. The Corr. Committee therefore will have the kindness to devise the means by which this object may be most conveniently effected. It will also be very important duly to secure to the Missionary the use of a suitable building or buildings for Public Worship and educational purposes. The Committee will of course be glad of whatever pecuniary aid any Proprietor may be willing to afford, toward the Missionary's support; but this is

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a point of little importance compared with placing him at his post on a certain and secure footing.

I remain,

My Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates,

Secy. M.S.

PS. Since the above was written, I have been led to believe that there may be legal difficulties in the way of tying a Proprietor under such conditions as would secure the object the Commee have in view. Should the Corr. Commee, on investigation, find this to be the case, they will have the kindness to consider how the security and permanency of a Chaplain's position on a Property can be best provided for. Would it be practicable to induce the House of Assembly to pass an Act, explanatory of the 36th Clause of the Clergy Law, which would reach the points?

Bp. Barbados

Church Missionary House,

London, November 11th. 1834.

My Lord,

I beg to state that the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, following up the topics of conversation with which Your Lordship favoured us, when you did us the honour of attending our Committee, have come to the Resolution, that it is not deemed advisable at present to employ the agency of the Society in the older

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British Islands; but rather in the two other Divisions of the Diocese of Barbadoes; namely, the larger Islands more recently belonging to the British Crown, and, British Guiana:—the Committee from time to time entering into such specific arrangements, as may be requisite to preserve the distinctive character of the Society, as a Missionary Institution, and secure to themselves due controul over the proceedings of their Missionaries, in matters not of an Ecclesiastical Nature.

The Committee have particularly directed me to say, that the delay which has occurred since the time of your Lordship's visit to this House, has been owing entirely to the circumstance, that the Committee have been obliged to have before their view both the Dioceses of the West Indies, &, consequently, the probable operations of the Society in Jamaica, as well as in your Lordship's Diocese.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's obedient & faithful Servant,

William Jowett

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Church Missionary House,
December 1st. 1834.

My Lord,

I have the honour to state that, at the request of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, a Deputation, consisting of the Lord Bishop of Winchester, the Honble Captain Waldgrave R.N., J. M. Strachan Esqr, and the two Secretaries, will wait upon your Lordship at such time as you may appoint, in order to communicate the Resolution adopted by the Committee in reply to your Lordship's letter of the 12th Ultimo.

A letter from the Bishop of Winchester informs us that during the week from the 7th to the 15th Instt. his Lordship will be engaged in his Ordination; requesting, therefore, that the appointment may not be fixed for any day during that interval. As soon as your Lordship has named a day, it shall be immediately communicated to the Members of the proposed Deputation.

I have the honour &c,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servt.

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Church Missionary House,
December 2nd 1834.

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's letter of this day's date, expressing your readiness to receive the proposed Deputation at Mr Justice Patteson's either before Friday in this week, or else in the week after next, to suit the Bishop of Winchester's convenience, I beg to state that as the other two Members of the Deputation would have to be summoned from a considerable distance out of Town, I write by this Post to the Bishop of Winchester, requesting his Lordship to name a day in the week after next: which shall immediately be communicated to your Lordship.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servt
William Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
December 15th 1834.

My Lord, I beg to acquaint your Lordship, that the proposed Deputation from the Church Missionary Society, will have the honour of waiting on your

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Lordship, at Mr Justice Patteson's, on Wednesday next, at 10 o'clock.

The delay in this information has arisen from our not having till this morning received the reply of one of the Members of the Deputation.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obed.t & faithful hum.e
William Jowett.

To the Right Reverend
the Lord Bishop of Barbados.

Instructions of the Committee to the Rev. John Henry Bernau and Mrs Bernau; the Rev. Charles Tuthill May and Mrs May, and Mr David Seddon, proceeding to Jamaica, delivered December the 22nd 1834.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord—

It is a matter of deep, yet pleasing interest to the Committee once more to see before them a band of those professed, and we trust devoted, Servants of Christ, who are about to proclaim His saving name in distant lands. To you it is a season, no doubt, in which a multitude of thoughts must be powerfully moving in your breasts. The feeling that you are quitting home and country;— the reflection that you are now about to make the first proof of your past studies, and of the measure of grace vouchsafed to you;—and especially the remembrance that the salvation of many may, under God, depend on such feeble and unworthy instruments; — all these considerations contribute to render this a memorable day in your lives. We look up to Him, who alone can make it a day of blessing! Our eyes are to our adorable Redeemer and Master, and all our expectation is from him! We desire for you and for all the christian friends present, that Christ Crucified may so entirely at this time occupy our hearts, that there may be no room for any vain, corrupt, doubtful, or distressing imaginations to enter there; and that we may known His grace as our all sufficient help, and look to His glory as the grand 'business and end of our existence!'

After many years, during which the Society has laboured in Jamaica on a small scale and with many difficulties; - and after much deliberation how their exertions may, under new circumstances, be beneficially extended in the West Indies and in British Guiana, to vast regions, beyond the Colonised portions, almost unvisited by the light of truth; - the Committee have adopted the important measure of sending you forth, in addition to the few connected with our Society that have been heretofore labouring in that Island.

Your number is far below what we could wish, - far short of the exigencies of the case: but the Committee are limited in their power of supplying those needs, and are compelled to apportion their resources with a reference to the wants of other Missions.

Your stations, Messrs May and Bernau, are fixed, respectively, at Amity Hall, in the Parish of St Thomas in the East; and Brunswick in the parish of Trelawney. The Station of Mr Seddon will be definitively stated by the Corresponding Committee in Jamaica.

You will, all of you, on your arrival in the Island, immediately communicate with the Corresponding Committee, who will give you the requisite directions as to the first steps to be taken, and will be the organ of your introduction to the Bishop. The course already entered on by the Rev. W. K. Betts will facilitate this method of proceeding.

In regard to your duties, it is requisite to direct the attention of the Ordained Missionaries to that Clause of the Clergy Law, by which you are specially empowered to act. While, in regard to maintenance and general superintendence, you will be, like others of our Missionaries, most strictly connected with this Committee, or with the local Corresponding Committee, you will, to the Proprietor of the Estate to which you shall be appointed, bear the relation, according to the terms of the Law, of his Chaplain. The design of this Committee in availing themselves of the operation of this Clause of the Clergy Law, is by no means to withdraw you from the cognizance of the Diocesan: on the contrary you will receive specific instructions as to the best method of requesting his Lordship's attention to your labours, and of reporting to him on all ceclesiastical matters connected with your proceedings, from time to time; as has previously been done, by the first, and hitherto only, ordained Missionary sent by the Committee into that Diocese.

To set before the Black and Coloured Population under your charge that Gospel which proclaims liberty to the Captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound – to follow up the temporal privileges now imparting to them with the knowledge of all the spiritual and everlasting blessings which have been purchased for them not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ – this, dearest brethren, is your sacred Mission. And be assured that in your endeavours to work out your part in this plan of Mercy, you are attended by the affectionate sympathies and fervent prayers of thousands, who for so many years have never been able to think or speak of our enslaved brethren and fellow subjects but with pain and sighs and tears.

While the office of preaching will give you the opportunity of addressing so many of the adults, the superintendence of extensive plans for Education will bring your energies to bear on the youthful population. Upon this point, and, generally, on the employment of local agency, the Committee cannot do better than refer you to the following passage in the Instructions already given to Mr Betts:–

"To this end the Committee consider it a necessary measure that you should make yourself the centre and head-quarters of a series of Catechist Stations. For the perpetual and vigorous maintenance of piety, and for the never ceasing work of keeping down all ungodliness, it is essential, even in countries where Christianity is fully established, that the aid of the laity should be wisely and effectually directed in following up the instructions of the spiritual Pastors of the Church; while in the education of the young, sometimes by superior Schools, (or at an earlier stage) by Infant Schools, it is plain that help must come almost exclusively from the laity. But if this employment of the laity be a method needed, even in countries where Christianity is of long standing, how much more requisite is it, that in lands purely heathen, or no better, an ordained Missionary should desire to have the number of such multiplied – whether by Catechists and Schoolmasters raised up on the spot, or received from home."

To you, Mr. Seldon, the Committee would add a short word of counsel in regard to the appropriate duties of a Catechist. Inconvenience has sometimes arisen from the want of duly observing the nature of that relation, and keeping within its limits. It will be your object to act under the general superintendence of such ordained Missionary, probably the one nearest to you, to whom the Corresponding Committee may refer you. In the work of education, and in abundantly catechising the children under your charge, both from Scripture and the Church Catechism, and other approved books, – some of them probably branching out into subjects of a secular but useful and christian nature, – you will find full employment for all your powers, and large scope for doing good to the souls of those around you. The reading of the Church Prayers and a Sermon may also frequently devolve on you. At the same time, you should avoid the assumption of any thing of the ministerial character, either in manner or in speech. It is upon the faithfulness and the humility with which a Catechist performs these subordinate yet highly valuable duties, that the Committee are led to determine whether he may in due season be presented as a Candidate for the sacred offices of the Church.

Before you part from the Committee, dear brethren and sisters in Christ, we would affectionately remind you, that your chief trials and difficulties are, probably, yet to come. Of the world, how evil and how ensnaring it is, you as yet know but little; for you are just entering it. Of the inward afflictions which trouble the Church of Christ, though you may have read something, yet you cannot experimentally have seen much. But from both these quarters, from the ungodly world, and from the infirmities of sincere Christians, you will have much to bear, – much that will give you new, and perhaps very surprising discoveries as to what manner of spirit you are of. In proportion also, as you are faithful to your trust, – and may He preserve you faithful and without blame in His sight! – so much the more will the enemy of souls endeavour to embarrass you consciences, to distract your plans, to distract your holiest affections, and set all his arts, and all his emissaries, in array against you. But, be of good cheer! If in the world you have tribulation, remember that you follow One, whose banners are already inscribed with Victory! "I", he says, "have overcome the world." He, the same yesterday, today, and for ever, views the conquest as already made; and sends us, during the little portion of time that we live, to engage in this Holy War, succeſsively accomplishing by little and little the mighty overthrow of Satan's empire. If then you should at any time be tempted to vanity and pride, consider how very small a part of the plan you execute – and that, not of yourselves, but by the grace of God, making you what you are. If at other times you are tempted to low, desponding thoughts, then look at the entire and great work, in the whole of which every member of the mystical body of Christ will certainly rejoice. Think what answers prayer is gaining throughout all the world: think how the Bible is finding its way into every dwelling place on the earth: think how a spiritual, laborious, self-denying mind, even the mind of Christ, is being transfused into the souls of the Bishops and Ministers and Members of the Church of Christ: think how the people of all lands are called upon to see the horrors of sin – the horrors of profaneneſs, sedition, sabbath-breaking, drunkenneſs, licentiousneſs, and the miseries of slavery and war:– see how spiritually minded men of every nation begin to understand one another, to feel for one another, to bear with one another, to correspond and labour one with another. Do not imagine, that this is a picture of the imagination:– it is a picture which Faith contemplates as a reality, because it is drawn in the sure word of prophecy, which aſsures us, They shall all know me from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Even we of this generation,– we, who, some of us, for thirty years have been at work, have been permitted to sketch the outlines of this plan: and we look to you with ardent hopes, that it will please God to employ you in filling up the outline. Let each do his part; and, with God's help, do it well. Above all, seek for that Unction from the Holy One, by which ye may know all things, and do all things. Let your secret prayers rise to the very highest mark: let them daily be heard at the mercy seat, where Jesus reigns, dispensing all needful gifts and graces to His Church. Something of His faithfulness in answering prayer, you, doubtless, already know: may you know far, far more! Without Him ye can do nothing: but you can do all things, through Christ which strengtheneth you! May He renew to you the pardon of your sins, the healing of your infirmities, the enlightening of your eyes, the establishing of your souls! May He grant unto you, now entering the warfare, and through it, to be strengthened with all might, by His Spirit, in the inner man! And, having kept you faithful unto death, and made you successful in this service, may He give to you, and myriads saved through your labours, a Crown of glory that fadeth not away!

By order of the Committee,

William Jowett

D. Coates
Secs. C.M.S.

Rev. C. May & Mr. D. Seddon

Church Missionary House,
January 13. 1835.

Dear Brethren,

We enclose the Instructions delivered to you by the Committee on the 22d. ult. Mr. Seddon will have the kindness to take a copy on the voyage for his own use. A copy is forwarded to the Corr. Committee for their information.

2. We also enclose a letter to the Bishop, making Mr. May's appointment known to his Lordship. This letter Mr. May will have the kindness to transmit through the Corr. Committee, as the Parent Committee have charged that body with the duty of communicating with the Bishop on all matters relative to the Society's proceedings within the Diocese. This course therefore you will both have the kindness strictly to adhere to.

3. £15 will be given to you to meet any expences to which you may be subject on any unforeseen occasion for money previously to your arrival in Jamaica. For this or the balance of it

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if any be expended, you will have the kindness to account to the Corr. Committee.

4. The Committee will be glad to find that you are able to make yourselves useful on shipboard to your fellow passengers and the Crew. You will however bear in mind that you can do nothing in the ship without the sanction of the Captain. By a judicious, kind, and conciliatory course, there is little doubt but that this would be obtained; but any indication of a disposition to act independently of him, would (almost to a certainty) close the door against you. (be likely)

5. Write to us before you leave the Channel, if an opportunity offers, to acknowledge your Instructions, and inform us of your circumstances. At all events by the first packet after your arrival in Jamaica. Let us also have regularly a quarterly Journal, through the Corr. Committee, made up to Mar. 31st, June 30th, Oct. 31st, and Dec. 30th respectively. To this the Committee attach much importance.

Praying that the blessing of the Lord may rest on you and your future labours,

We remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Secy. M.S.

Church Missionary House,

January 13. 1835.

Rev. R. Panton

My Dear Sir,

1. We addressed two letters to you by the November packet, on the 5th and 8th of that month, of which and the Documents covered by them, Duplicates are enclosed. The only communications from you since we last wrote are your letter of the 5th and the Rev. W. K. Betts' of the 10th of November.

2. This will we trust be delivered to you by the Rev. C. May and Mr. D. Seddon, of whose coming out you were apprised in our last letter. The Rev. H. Bernau and Mrs. B. will proceed direct to Falmouth, as the most convenient point whence to proceed to Brunswick in Trelawney, to which Mr. B. is to be appointed Chaplain, under the 36th clause

of the Jamaica Clergy Law.

3. A copy of the Instructions of the Committee to Messrs. Bernau, May, and Seddon, is enclosed. Mr. May you will perceive is appointed to Amity Hall, St. Thomas in the East, agreeably to the suggestion of the Corresponding Committee. His passage to Morant Bay, so that he will be able to go thither at once in the "Lady Fitzherbert," which takes him out.

4. Mr. Seddon's station has not been definitely fixed by the Committee, but left open to the decision of our friends on the spot. Our idea is that it might perhaps be the most advantageous course to place him in connexion with and under the superintendence of the Rev. W. K. Betts. Mr. B. appears to need such assistance, and Mr. S. would thus enter on his labours with all the benefit of Mr. B's. local information and experience in the Missionary work. The Corr. Comee. however will decide. It is only requisite to add, in reference to Mr. S. that as the Committee have in their Memorials to the West Indies Bishops explained the grounds on which they do not deem it requisite that Catechists should be licensed, but that they should pursue their labours under the superintendence of an ordained missionary, as directed by the Committee or their local Representative, it will not be necessary to apply to the Bishop of Jamaica for a license for Mr. S.

5. Mr. May is the bearer of a letter from Mr. Jowett to the Bishop, acquainting his Lordship with Mr. M's. destination. This letter Mr. May will forward through the Corr. Committee. The Committee deem it important that all official matters between the Bishop and the Society should be conducted by the Corr. Committee exclusively. On this principle any communications from the Missionaries to the Bishop of a public nature should be made through the Corr. Committee.

6. Though much pressed for time at the present moment, there are a few points on which we must briefly touch.

7. In Par. 6 of our letter of Nov. 8/34, we explained the views of the Committee as to the terms on which a Missionary of the Society should be placed on any Property as Chaplain. The legal difficulty in effecting the object, intimated in the postscript of that letter, appears to

be insuperable. All therefore that seems practicable is to obtain an undertaking from the Proprietor, pledging himself to the course which the Committee are entitled to expect that he should pursue, on the Committee placing a Miſsionary on his Estate. A form of letter, explanatory of what the Committee claim on this head is enclosed. This letter with any alterations or additions which your local information may suggest for its greater completeneſs, should be addreſsed to the Proprietor of the Estate on which the Miſsionary is to be placed, and his reply should engage to act on terms stated in the letter. Further than this it does not appear that we can carry the matter. The Corr. Committee will however be now fully in poſseſsion of our views, and act accordingly.

8. The fixing the amount of salary to be aſsigned to the European Miſsionary and Catechist – married or unmarried, the Comm.ee must refer entirely to the Corresponding Committee, whose local information on the subject best fits them to decide. Perhaps it should not be one uniform amount in all parts of the Island. In determining the amount, the Corr. Committee will have the kindneſs to bear in mind that the Committee engage to relieve the missionary if providentially disabled from prosecuting his labours, and his widow and children, should he have either, also. Hence the amount of *salary* is in all cases to be limited to the amount requisite for his neceſsary *current expenses*.

9. Some Outfit will no doubt be required after the Miſsionary's arrival in the Island, to settle him down at his station. This must be provided for by the Society, to the extent really neceſsary for the purpose. Perhaps you will by-and-bye be able, as you gather experience, to reduce this to a fixed amount, having regard to the party's being a Miſsionary or a Catechist, married or unmarried. This is done in India. Poſsibly you may deem it advantageous that we should provide here some articles of constant neceſsity, as the most convenient place. On this point you will have the kindneſs to inform us.

10. There is one point to which we wish to draw your immediate attention. When our operations in Jamaica aſsumed a definite form, a Corresponding Committee was formed to superintend and direct

them. We learn from the Rev. C. R. Dallas that the Corr. Committee was considered to be superseded when the Auxiliary Society was formed. This we never intended, nor indeed were aware of. Right of membership in the Comm.ee of the Auxiliary Society being derived from a money payment, if the Government of the Mission were vested in that body, we could have no security that our concerns were managed by persons in whom we could place confidence. The management of the delicate and difficult business of missionary operations, especially in circumstances like yours, suggests at once an insuperable objection to such a course. The concerns of the Mission can only be safely and prudently entrusted to persons whose concurrence with the Parent Comm.ee in sentiment and judgment is unequivocal and well ascertained. On this principle the Committee have a Corr. Committee for the superintendence and direction of the Mission, in those Indian Presidencies where Auxiliary Societies are formed. These Corresponding Committees are elected either by the Parent Committee, or by themselves under the Parent Committee's sanction. Thus it must be with you. We beg therefore the present members of the Auxiliary Committee, who fully possess the confidence of the Parent Committee, will immediately form themselves into a Corr. Committee, to which body exclusively the entire superintendence and direction of all missionary matters must be altogether limited. To this body additions may be made from time to time as may be deemed advisable, subject to the approval of the Parent Committee. In adding to the Corr. Committee, special care must be taken that the party is really one with the Parent Committee in sentiment and judgment, and a man of wisdom and *experience*. To the Auxiliary Committee will remain the usual province of such an affiliation – to extend the influence and augment the pecuniary means of the Parent Society.

11. We are much cheered and encouraged by Mr. Betts' account of his labours and prospects. May the Divine blessing increasingly rest on him and his work. We cannot at the present moment enter at large into his enquiries in reference to certain parts of his duties. Our impression is that carefully exercising his own judgment, and referring

to the Corr. Committee if any particular difficulty should occur to him, he may be very much guided in his course by what the Rev. J. Stainsby and Mr Gordon may sanction him in doing.

12. The Rev. H. Berman will we expect sail direct to Falmouth early in February.

With grateful acknowledgments to all our friends in the Corresponding Committee—

We remain,

My Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. &c.

Church Missionary House,
London, Jan. 19/35.

Dear Brother Betts.

1 Your Letter of Oct. 10th was duly forwarded to us by the Corresponding Committee, and it afforded us lively satisfaction to find that so important a sphere of usefulness had been opened to you. Under this feeling we learn with proportionate pain and regret from a Letter from the Rev. A. Parton of Nov. 25/34 that your labours have been interrupted. We have not yet had an opportunity to bring the subject before the Committee, and my time is so occupied at present that it is quite impracticable for me to write at any length; but I would not allow this ship to depart without expressing our sympathy with you under the trial. What course it may be practicable for the Committee to take I cannot say; but you may fully rely on their disposition to do all they can to place you in a situation to prosecute your labours with efficiency.

2. The books asked for in your Letter are included in the present shipment, by the "Hampton", Capt. Elder. It also includes some things on your private account. The Invoice is enclosed.

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The packages are directed to James Gordon, Esq., as you wished. Having myself been out of Town last week when the shipment was made, some things which ought to have been included in it are I fear omitted. Should this prove to be the case, they shall be sent by an early ship.

3. I have no doubt the Committee will entirely approve of your having declined to remove to the Caymanas. Knockalva is your post. It seems to agree with your health, & the sphere of usefulness is in itself important. You would certainly do well, I conceive, to remain there till you receive more distinct instructions from the Committee on the general question. You will have heard through the Cor. Comm.ee that your appointment to Knockalva was entirely satisfactory to the Parent Comm.ee We shall be glad to see & converse with Mr. Malcolm: he has not yet called on us.

4. I cannot at present enter on the question — how far your appointment as Private Chaplain authorizes you to go in the performance of ministerial duties; but I am sure the Comm.ee wish to render your services as extensively useful to the enfranchised population as you consistently can.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Betts, and our constant prayers for your usefulness & welfare,

I remain

Truly & affect.ly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Bp. Jamaica. Jan. 23/3
Mr W. Stearn, Jan. 23/35.

Church Missionary House,
London, January 23rd 1835.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to introduce to your Lordship the Rev. Charles Tuthill May; who has been appointed to act at Amity Hall, St. Thomas' in the East, as Chaplain, under the 36th Clause of the Jamaica Clergy Law.

Requesting your Lordship's favorable notice of the labours of Mr May, I have the honor to be,

To the Right Reverend
the Lord Bishop of Jamaica.

My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servant,
William Jowett,
Secy to C. M. S.

Church Missionary House,
London, January 23rd 1835.

Dear Mr Stearn,

Your last letter makes me very feelingly enter into your case. Illness upon illness is very trying indeed not only to the body, but also to the mind; affecting the spirits, sometimes depressing & occasionally even too much elating them. Your sketches are extensive; but

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how to execute such plans, is the difficulty. I will not, however, enter upon them as a matter of business; but simply observe that it is & must be from native help that our expectations are to be drawn. Native help, wisely directed, will eventually be the great means of evangelizing the world; & the great change now taking place in our Colonial possessions, while it opens a wider door than ever for exertions, opens at the same time a door of hope. — You will be comforted & Mrs Hearn especially, to find new labourers, & some of them so nearly related to you, entering the field. May you & they all have grace to persevere! You will all need much love, much patience & the wisdom that is from above. That these may be largely vouchsafed to you, is the earnest prayer of

Yours, affectionately, Wm Jowett.

(2.)

Church Missionary House, London,
January 23rd 1835.

Dear Mr Pond,

I was very glad to see you so good-humouredly taking the hints about the use of certain words, such as "preaching," &c. It is, Mr. T. Young. Jan. 23/35.

you may be sure, never pleasant to us to pass even the slightest censure on those whose labours we rejoice in; but as our own hearts tell us, that we often need a reproof, & as faithfulness requires that we should not withhold such a benefit from others, the best way is to consider it as a part of our Christian diet; & if we do not get it one way, God will send us it in another. But enough. I was much interested by various particulars in your Journal. You have to deal with ignorant & depraved hearts; & the "wandering eyes", which you observe in them when you speak on divine subjects, are an index of the vanity & darkness of their minds. It is good, sometimes, to ask ourselves, Who, & what first fixed my heart? How did God first teach my soul to pray? Many useful thoughts are thus excited, furnishing matter by which we may speak from the heart to the heart. May you have grace & ability thus to converse! And may He, who alone can touch their dull understandings, & sometimes does in a most remarkable manner raise sinners from death to life, accompany all your labours!

I remain Affectly Yours
Wm Jowett.

(12.)

Jan 23/35. Mr C. Carter

Church Missionary House, London,
January 23rd 1835.

Dear Mr Carter,

Your Journal very expressively delineates some of the difficulties of Missionary life; & we are constrained to sympathize with you & all our Missionary brethren in your many trials. The cause of our trials is that a secret, powerful, malignant enemy is ever at work, endeavouring to keep his strong-holds, & to extend them; & at the same time aiming to overthrow the plans of mercy which the servants of Christ bring forward to bear against him. Alas! the power, & the subtlety of Satan appear at times so great, that it seems almost impossible to resist him. But is not this our want of faith? May we not adopt the words of the Psalmist, "Then I said, "this is mine infirmity." Is any thing too hard for the Lord — any thing too ~~hard~~ great for us to ask? I rejoiced to notice your mention of seasons of sacred communion with pious friends: these, next to our private hours, are our best sources of strength, they are, indeed, privileges. May you, whenever you meet such friends, have much of the presence of

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Christ among you! Having purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, stir up yourselves, to love one another with a pure heart, fervently.

Believe me, Affectionately Yours

Wm Jowett.

(9.)

Confidential

Rev C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House,
London, April 12/36.

My Dear Sir,

It is necessary that we should address a few words to you, confidentially, relative to the Licensing of Rev. W. K. Betts by the Bishop of Jamaica. Our public Letter, of yesterday's date, has stated that the Bishop is to be applied to for a License for him; and that, in dealing with this subject the Corresponding Committee are to be governed by the views & principles contained in the Memorial to the Bishop of the 7th. of January last. What decision the Bishop may have come to, on this part of the Memorial, we are necessarily uninformed, as time sufficient has not elapsed for us to receive his reply. Under these circumstances the Committee are desirous that the Corresponding Committee should; not, by any step which they may take compromise the principle at issue. On the other hand they do not wish that Mr. Betts' entrance on his labours should be delayed, pending a reference home, should the Bishop refuse a License agreeably to the principle of the Memorial. Should the Corresponding Committee therefore find themselves unable to prevail upon the Bishop to grant a License co-extensive with the Diocese and not summarily revocable, we recommend that they should take such a one as the Bishop may be disposed to grant, reserving the principle in discussion

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for reference to the Parent Committee, taking care to make this reservation in such terms as may leave them unfettered and uncommitted in prosecuting the subject in this Country. We regret to impose upon the Corresponding Committee what may prove a painful task; but are persuaded that they fully concur with the Parent Committee in the importance of maintaining inviolate the principle relative to licensing now under consideration, as essential to the free operation and full effectiveness of a Church of England Missionary.

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
J Coates
Sec CMS

Church Missionary House, London,
January 19th 1835.

Dear Brother Betts, You will rejoice to find that another Missionary brother & sister, & then another, are coming to labour in Jamaica, & consequently that our desire is, as much as in us lies, to strengthen the hands of those who are already in that wide field. May it please God to make our way plain before us, which at present it is not always; at least, not quite so plain as we could wish it. But discouragements of one kind or another are permitted

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to arise, that our zeal may be put to the proof, & that we may be led to place our whole trust in Him, who is the Head over all things to His Church; Christ, the All-Sufficient!

Our trials sometimes come from quarters whence we could least have expected them: still they all speak the same lesson to us: for they all come either mediately or immediately from God. I think you must often feel the advantage of having your responsibility diminished by the Corresponding Committee. That God may bless them & us in our counsels, & you & Messrs Betts & all our other labourers in their labours, is the prayer of yours, affectionately, Wm Jowett.

Rev R Panton

Church Missionary House,
London, February 2. 1835.

My Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 13th Inst. by the Rev. C. May, who with Mrs May and Mr Seddon, sailed for Kingston on board the Lady Fitzherbert, Capt. Forrier, on the 24th ult. We enclose a Duplicate of our letter by Mr May, Jan. 13/35, and of one from Mr Jowett to the Bishop of Jamaica, Jan. 23/35.

2. Having had occasion to make a shipment to Mr Betts direct to Falmouth, we addressed a letter to him on the 19th ult. Of that letter a copy is enclosed for the information of the Corr. Committee.

3. Since closing our last letter, yours of Nov. 25/34 has reached us. We can do little more at present than express our very deep regret at the contents of your letter, as we have not yet had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Committee upon it.

4. It does not appear clear from Par. 5 that the Rev. W. K. Betts has been actually interrupted in the administration of the Lord's Supper at Knockalva, or in any other of his ministerial duties, as Private Chaplain. We should infer that he has not. If so, it seems very undesirable that any step should be taken suspensory of the discharge of any part of his duties, unleſs an authoritative interruption of them should take place. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that the Conventicle Act will be brought into operation with a view to obstruct a Miſsionary in the discharge of his duties, when placed on a property as Domestic Chaplain. At all events the discharge of them should not be suspended unleſs that Act should be actually brought to bear against him, and be found legally of force for that purpose.

5. We have no doubt that the Committee will entirely approve of Mr. Betts not removing from Knockalva to the Caymanas.

6. We doubt whether the Committee will think it right to adopt Mr. Griffith's suggestion relative to Mr. Richard Forbes contained in Par. 2 of your letter. The employment of Miſsionaries as Aſsistant Curates seems likewise open to objection. But on these points we shall write more fully after we have ascertained the views of the Comtee.

7. Various considerations induce us to think that the plan of proceedings sketched in Mr. Stearne's of Oct. 25/34 will not be adopted by the Committee. On this point however you shall also be apprized of the decision of the Committee in due course.

8. We thank you for the fullneſs of your communications, and beg you will have the kindneſs to keep us promptly informed of all that is going on. We are grieved thus to burden you; but you will fully appreciate the importance of our being put in poſseſsion of the information we solicit.

We remain,

My dear Sir,

Very truly yours.

D. Coates

Secl. Ms.

Bp. Barbados. March 26/35.

Bp. Barbados

Church Missionary House,
March 26th 1835.

My Lord,

Your Lordship's communication of the 13th Instant, accompanying some alterations in the Report of the Deputation which had the honour to ~~wait~~ confer with your Lordship, was yesterday read to our Committee: on which, after some conversation, it appeared eligible that the Deputation should again have the opportunity of an interview with your Lordship.

If your Lordship would kindly inform me of the time & manner in which you would be pleased to appoint such an interview, I will immediately communicate it to the Members of the Deputation.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servant,
William Jowett.

2 March 30/35. Rev R Panton.

Rev R Panton

Church Missionary House,
London, March 30. 1835.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 16th. Inst: of which a Duplicate is enclosed, your important one of Jan. 25/35 and its Enclosure, have come to hand.

2. The change in our position with relation to the Bishop of Jamaica, described in your Letter, has afforded the Committee very strong satisfaction, and holds out the prospect, we think, of the Society's acting with freedom and efficiency within the Diocese. In fact the Committee never regarded the plan of acting under the proviso of the 36th. Clause of the Clergy Law as any thing more than a temporary expedient, to enable them to participate, as well as the then state of circumstances would admit, in imparting a measure of religious instruction to the enfranchised people, until a general arrangement, affording due facilities of operation should if practicable be made. So strongly are the Committee impressed with the favourableness of our present prospects, as opened by your letter, that they have convened a Special Meeting for the 3rd. Proximo, for the purpose of preparing an Address to the members and friends of the Society at large, calling upon them for the means, especially the living agency, for widely extending the Society's operations in the West Indies. We say the West Indies, because arrangements are we trust on the point of being completed with the Bishop of Barbadoes, which will enable the Society to act advantageously in that Diocese also. Jamaica however, will we apprehend, be the principal theatre of the Society's operations; because our Ecclesiastical facilities appear now likely to be greater in that than in the other Diocese; and because access to Estates on advantageous terms will probably be more readily and generally presented there than in the smaller Islands. Our having too an efficient Corr. Comtee in Jamaica, which we have no prospect of forming in the other Diocese, - the formation of which indeed is in a great measure pre-

cluded by the geographical circumstances of that Diocese — is we conceive of much importance in subserviency to the efficiency of our operations there.

3. It is requisite to enter a little more into detail at the present moment in order that those extended operations in the Island, on which we are, we trust, at length about to enter, may be settled throughout on a footing to secure their permanent efficiency.

(1). With reference to Ordination. This includes Ordination here and Ordination in the Diocese.

1. Ordination here. That the Committee may act with freedom and promptitude, it is requisite that, with the concurrence of the Bishop of Jamaica, the Bishop of London should ordain here for the Jamaica Diocese Candidates presented to him by the Committee, as he already does for the Calcutta Diocese. From the tenor of your letter we conclude that this is conceded by the Bishop of Jamaica; but it is important that the point should be unequivocally ascertained by the Corr. Committee's bringing it distinctly under the Bishop's notice.

2. Ordination in the Diocese. That the Society's Candidates for Holy Orders, when presented by the Comtee. or their Representatives in the Diocese, should be recognized as an admissible class without an Academical Degree and without other Title than the Committee's nomination, we consider a much more important point to have clearly settled than Ordination here; since we must look to a local agency and that from among the Black and Coloured Classes for the eventual religious instruction of the indigenous population to any considerable extent. The difficulty here is the alleged liability of the Bishop to the obligation of the 33d. Canon. Assuming this to be the fact, which we are inclined to think it is, the Bishop is entitled to expect the removal of that obstacle by the competent authority. We mentioned in our last letter that a Deputation had been appointed to Lord Aberdeen. The point in question was one

of those brought under his Lordship's notice, and he expreſsed himself favourable to the consideration of it. We are encouraged to hope that this matter will be satisfactorily adjusted, as Lord Aberdeen seemed much alive to the importance of providing for the religious instruction of the enfranchised people, and as the Bishop of Calcutta has been exempted by Act of Parliament from the obligation of the Canon with regard to the exercise of the ministry within the Diocese.

(2) The location of the Society's Miſsionaries. This seems to be sufficiently conceded to the Committee by the Bishop. What appears to be required on this head are

1. The Committee's power of locating the Miſsionary on an eligible spot.

2. His complete independency of the Rector of the Parish when located. In other words that the Society's Miſsionaries should be Ecclesiastically dependent only on the Bishop.

3. That the extent of the District in which he is located should be such as to admit of his fully occupying his time & strength therein, with conveniency to himself and the people of his charge.

On all these particulars the Corr. Committee will come to a clear understanding with the Bishop, if not done already.

(3). The use of Buildings for the Miſsionary's exercising his ministerial functions. On this head the Corr. Committee do not appear to have come to an understanding with the Bishop. What we wish to see accomplished is due facility in the use of Buildings for Public Worship and the administration of the sacraments, and for the occasional aſsembling of any portion of the people of the District by the Miſsionary for their religious instruction as from local circumstances he may find convenient and advantageous. We should wish that the places where the people are thus occasionally aſsembled for this purpose should receive the Bishop's sanction, though a formal License may perhaps not be considered neceſsary for places thus used.

Poſsibly it might be adviſable that one Building should be regularly Licensed on each Estate as the Church or Chapel of the ~~[illegible]~~ Estate, where the sacraments should be administered & other religious rites performed; and that an understanding should be come to with the Bishop that the people might be occasionally aſsembled by the Miſsionaries at other places according to his discretion, he regularly reporting to the Bishop the place and the periods of aſsembling them. This whole head however, we refer to the careful consideration of the Corr. Committee, who will we doubt not, agree with us in the importance of having it clearly and satisfactorily arranged.

(4) The operation of the Conventicle Act. The poſsible application of Sec. 61 of the Abolition Act of the Imperial Parliament to obstruct the free communication of religious instruction to the enfranchised people by members of the Church of England was also brought under the notice of Lord Aberdeen. The representation of the Deputation on this head his Lordship seemed disposed to consider favourably. Poſsibly it may be best dealt with by the local legislature. Should that course be taken it will be very important that the Corr. Committee should exert all their influence to effect the complete abrogation of the harsh and impolitic enactments of the Conventicle Act.

4. We feel disposed to allow the question of Licenses to remain on the footing on which it was placed by the Deputation from the Corr. Committee to the Bishop of Jamaica. If we are secure that a License shall not bona fide be revoked summarily, except in cases of moral delinquency; and that all other cases shall be determined by due proceſs in the Ecclesiastical Court; this may be sufficient for all practical purposes of miſsionary usefulneſs.

5. There is another point, having a very important bearing on the extension of the Society's operations in Jamaica, to which we beg the Corr. Committee's attention. It is the establish-

ment of an efficient *Normal School* for training up and preparing teachers from all classes, but especially the Black and Coloured people, for Missionary labours in connexion with the Society. We have already stated that we look principally to the Black and Coloured Population for missionary agents, including the ministry itself in our view. To become duly qualified for these labours a well digested Plan must be formed and properly carried out in practice. The Corr. Committee will therefore immediately turn their attention to this object, and favour us with the result of their deliberations so as to reach us if possible not later than the end of August or beginning of September next. We add a few hints on the subject. The site of the School should be salubrious with a view especially to the health of the European placed in charge of it. It should also we think be retired; but duly accessible to the Corr. Committee or a Sub-Committee of their members so as to secure efficient superintendence. Regar should also be had to economy in its situation, in providing all the requisites for the Board &c. of the scholars; who we assume will be lodged and boarded in the School. The number of scholars might in the first instance be small, till it was seen how the School worked. We are solicitous that this matter should be taken up by the Corr. Committee without delay, not only on account of its importance, but because we are likely to have an Individual disposable for the Mastership of it by October. This is the Rev. C. Haensel. He was formerly in charge of a similar Institution in Sierra Leone. Circumstances however led to his relinquishment of the charge of it, and he engaged in a Mission to the Timmanees, an African Tribe in the vicinity of Sierra Leone. There his health failed, and he has been forbidden by his Medical attendant to resume his labours in that quarter. He has been some months in England, and there is every prospect of his health's being re-established so as to admit of his coming out to Jamaica in October to take charge of a Normal School. We consider him to possess peculiar qualifications for such an office. We shall be glad to be immediately informed what prospect you have of bringing together a few pious, humble minded, intelligent, steady youths from 10 to 14 years of age to form the Institution. We beg particularly to call your attention to the means by which Black and Coloured Youths may be brought under instruction in the way contemplated, without their being unduly elevated in their own estimation, and rendered unfit to become diligent, humble and useful labourers by vanity and pride and self importance. Our experience in other quarters leads us to infer that this is the main difficulty to the success of the undertaking, and we therefore entreat your special consideration to devising the best means of overcoming it.

6. We omitted to state above that a farther object to which the views of the Committee are directed in the formation of the Normal School above-mentioned, is the preparation of Teachers for the Sierra Leone Mission from among the Black and Coloured Population of Jamaica. The principal cause of the comparatively slow progress of the Sierra Leone Mission has been the impracticability of working it efficiently by the instrumentality of Europeans, on account of the insalubrity of the climate. This cause has so far operated as to prevent the due preparation of Native Agents in the Colony. Under these circumstances the views of the Committee have been directed to Jamaica, under the impression that now slavery is abolished, pious and intelligent Youths and young men may be found in the Island who after receiving some instruction in a well conducted Normal School might be advantageously employed in carrying on and enlarging the West Africa Mission. Should it please God to bless a Plan of this description, the West Indies, hitherto the scourge of the African race through the Slave Trade, might be rendered the means of in some measure repairing the wrong by imparting the Gospel of the grace of

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God" to the numerous and benighted Tribes of that "barbarized Continent.

We remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours.

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Church Missionary House,
London, February 19th 1835.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to forward to your Lordship the Inclosed Resolution; and I beg respectfully to add, that, apprehending the early departure of your Lordship from this Country, they have appointed a Deputation to be ready to wait on your Lordship, on receiving your reply to this communication.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedt. hble. Servt.
William Jowett.

To the Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Barbados.

Church Missionary House,
London. Feb. 27th 1835.

Dear Mr. Carter,

You will doubtless rejoice to find by Mr. Armstrong's return that things [illegible], & that our labours in your

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part of the World we still followed up, with the hope of God's blessing on them. Mr. Armstrong returns with a partner for life, & a young helper; Bastian Point will be his earliest [illegible], and it will then have to appear how God may dispose of his faithful services. We look Southward & Southward still — even to those poor, scattered Indians, who have no shepherd, & of whom it must be almost said, No man cares for their souls. May you, my dear Sir, care for them, as well as for the poor negroes! We have, I can assure you, sympathised with you in every sickness, every [illegible] & trial: believe me, I am sympathetic with you, for I know what those trials are. But I know, too, who directs all, & who is ready to help us exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think. Oh, that we had more of the spirit of God's servants! "His servants shall serve Him" — is part of the description of heaven itself. But we too often faint, both in labouring & in praying. When

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prayer & labour go hand in hand,
then it is well with us. — Let us,
my dear friend, hear the fullest details possible
from you: what may seem old to you, is new
to us.

Believe me, Affect^ly Yours
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, Feb. 27th 1835.

Dear Mr Yond,

The contents of Mr Tattershall's letter cannot but prove painful to you, & they are also to us; though in a different way; you will feel some disappointment; we feel, viewing the matter in the light in which it here appears to us, as though blame lay on your side. As, in matters of so much delicacy, I never would wish needlessly to interfere, I will do little more than offer a very short remark or two; premising that agreeably to Mr Tattershall's desire I have read his letter to you. His advice appears to me wise & kind. He recommends you, if you have — (as is complained by Miss D.) — slightingly treated

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the relation in which you formerly stood, & which you now wish to renew with her, with a view eventually to marriage, to make suitable explanations & apologies. I will add, that you cannot, in my opinion, take a better course. A Christian man never loses in the estimation of those, whose esteem is worth having, by making due concessions, & it is the only way of setting things right, which before were at all wrong. Supposing God to have a gracious design with respect to your present plan, depend upon it the lady will in future years never regard you with the less respect & attachment, for such a seasonable act manifesting your respect for her feelings; [illegible], in fact she will forget it — or, if in her own thoughts she happens to remember it, it will be to respect you the more.

Excuse my adding to these remarks any thing more than my hearty prayers for your happiness in all your personal & all your Missionary relations.

I remain, faithfully Yours Wm. Jowett.

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Feb: 27/35. Rev. L. Strong

Rev L. Strong

Church Missionary House,
London, February 27. 1835.

My Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our letter of Oct. 11th &c., of which a Duplicate is enclosed, yours of the 6th of that month has been received.

2. The contents of that letter placed us in a situation of some difficulty, with regard to Mr. Armstrong's ordination, having previously been in communication with the Bishop of Barbadoes on the subject. The course taken by the Committee is explained in the Resolutions and Minute enclosed. You will hence perceive that Mr. Armstrong's Ordination is referred entirely to the Bishop's decision. Mr. A. has seen the Bishop, who conversed with him in reference to the Committee's Resolution, and will we apprehend further communicate with Mr. A. respecting his admission to Holy Orders. It is the wish of the Committee that the official correspondence with the Bishop and other Ecclesiastical Authorities, on all matters relating to the Mission, should be conducted by and carried on thro' you, as the Representative of the Committee in British Guiana. A copy of a letter this day addressed to Mr. A. is enclosed, for your further information.

3. The Committee are about to communicate with the Bishop of Barbadoes with a view to the placing of an ordained Missionary in his Diocese, and to the arranging with him respecting two Students in the Institution, who will we expect be disposable for the Barbadoes Diocese after admission to Holy Orders on Trinity Sunday next. We will, D.V. apprise you of the result of our conference with the Bishop by the next Packet.

4. The Committee have decided nothing further respecting the removal of Mr. C. Carter from his present post.

5. The correction which you requested has been made in the mode of acknowledging Mr. McKellar's conditional donation of £100 toward the Mazaruni Mission. On that Mission Mr. Armstrong will not be able to enter at present. Should Mr. McKellar

Mr J. Armstrong. Feb. 27/35.

claim the repayment of the £100 you will have the kindness to draw on me for that sum in his favour.

6. We should be glad if you should find it convenient to go up to Bartica Point with Mr A. to make such arrangements on the spot, after conference with him and Mr Youd, as you may deem best calculated to promote, under the Divine Blessing, the successful prosecution of the Mission. We are sensible that this is asking much of you, burdened as you are with parochial duties; but we think it might be of material advantage to the Mission if you could undertake this service, and settle on the spot the future course of proceedings.

7. The usual publications now sent will inform you generally of the state and prospects of the Society. It is with us as usual: much to try and humble us; but much also to animate and encourage us. Blessed be God!

We remain,
My dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. Gnl.

Church Missionary House,
London, February 27. 1835.

Dear Mr Armstrong,

1. It would probably be satisfactory to you that we should comprise in a Letter the substance of the Instructions delivered to you by the Committee on the 24th Inst.

2. Your immediate duty will be to resume your labours among the Indians at Bartica Point, as a Catechist. In these labours it is the intention of the Committee that your brother, William Armstrong, should render assistance under your direction. One of your first objects therefore, on your arrival at Demerara, will be to arrange, under the counsel and sanction of the Rev. L. Strong, the manner in which the services of Mr Youd, your brother, and yourself, may be most advantageously employed

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and continued for carrying on the Mission and extending its influence.

3. It is very important that some of the Female children should be brought under the special instruction and care of Mrs Armstrong. It is very much by training these up in christian principles and the habits of domestic and social life that the future well being of the scattered Indian Tribes may under the Divine blessing be most effectually promoted. This object therefore the Committee earnestly recommend to be diligently prosecuted by Mrs Armstrong.

5. You are aware that communications have been had with the Lord Bishop of Barbados with a view to your admission to Holy Orders. Your situation is that of a Recommended Candidate. His Lordship will probably communicate further with you on the subject, as the Committee have referred it to him to examine you from time to time in the relation of a Candidate for Ordination as he may judge requisite. The question however of your admission to Holy Orders at a future period is entirely referred by the Com.ee to the decision of the Bishop. Having this important object however so far before you it will be requisite that you should employ a portion of your time in a course of reading calculated to enable you to pass a creditable examination, should the Bishop ultimately see reason to admit you to Holy Orders. We should hope however that the time which you have spent in this country has been so well employed with a view to Ordination that it will not be requisite to withdraw any very large portion of your time for these studies now.

6. It is the wish of the Committee that the official correspondence with the Bishop relative to your Ordination should be conducted by the Rev. L. Strong, as the Representative of the Society in British Guiana. Through him any other official correspondence with the Ecclesiastical Authorities shall be also carried on.

7. Though it is the desire of the Committee that the labours of yourself and Associates should be primarily directed to place the Mission at Bartica Point on an efficient footing, they

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wish you constantly to bear in mind the ultimate extension of the Miſsion to the Tribes in the interior. You will therefore keep up such communication with them as circumstances may permit, with a view to facilitate future measures in reference to them. It is also the wish of the Committee that after things shall have been brought to a settled state at Bartica Point you should make an excursion into the interior at the most suitable season of the year, for the purpose of imparting to the Indians such religious instruction as a journey of that nature may admit, and of taking preparatory steps for the future location of a Miſsionary among them at such a point as may be deemed most eligible for a miſsionary station.

7. It is scarcely neceſsary to preſs upon you the great importance of making yourself acquainted with the Indian Languages or Dialects. To this object therefore much of your time and attention should be devoted.

8. The Committee will be glad to find that you are able to make yourselves useful on ship board to your fellow paſsengers and the crew. You will however bear in mind that you can do nothing in the ship without the sanction of the Captain. By a judicious, kind, and conciliatory course, there is little doubt but that this would be obtained; but any indication of a disposition to act independently of him, would almost to a certainty close the door against you.

9. Write to us before you leave the Channel, if an opportunity offers, to acknowledge your Instructions and inform us of your circumstances. At all events by the first packet after your arrival in Demerara. Let us also have regularly a quarterly Journal, made up to Mar. 31st, June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st respectively. To this the Committee attach much importance.

Praying that you may experience a safe and prosperous voyage, and that an abundant bleſsing may rest on your future labours,

We remain,

Dear Mr Armstrong,

Very truly yours,

Sec. C.M.S.

March 2/35. Rev. R Panton.

R R Panton

Church Miſsionary House,
London, March 2. 1835.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our letter of the 2nd ult. of which a duplicate is enclosed, no communication from Jamaica has reached us except Mr. Anderson's letter of Jan. 3/35.

2. Since we last wrote your letter of Nov. 25th has been much under the consideration of the Committee. The result of their deliberations we are now to communicate to you.

3. They were of opinion that it was to be apprehended from the information contained in your letter above mentioned, that very serious difficulties existed against the exercise of the ministerial duties of Chaplains in Jamaica. So deeply indeed were they impreſsed with the seriousneſs of these difficulties that they deemed it expedient to stop the sailing of the Rev. John H. Bernau, who, as you were informed in Par. 2 of our letter of Jan. 12/35, was destined to the Swanswick Property in Trelawney. The considerations which induced the Committee to change Mr. Bernau's destination will of course deter them from sending any other Miſsionary to Jamaica unleſs they shall find that the apprehended difficulties to the full exercise of a Chaplain's ministerial duties by the administration of the sacraments do not exist. On this point the Committee therefore desire distinct and full information.

4. We stated in our last letter (Jan. 17, Par. 4) that it did not appear clear that Mr. Betts had been actually interrupted in the administration of the Lord's Supper at Knockalva. You will have the kindneſs therefore in pursuance of the first of the enclosed Resolutions, to transmit to us any *official* communication which has been, or shall be, addreſsed to the Corr. Comtee, or to the Rev. W. K. Betts, by or from the Bishop, or through any other channel, in reference to Mr. Betts' not administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Knockalva. The especial object of this Resolution is to ascertain distinctly whether any *official* act of the Bishop, or other Ecclesiastical authority, has really reached Mr. Betts, di-

rected to restrain him from administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the people of his immediate charge as Private Chaplain at Kurchalen. The Committee also desire to be promptly informed should any *official* proceeding be had to prevent Mr. Betts from administering the sacrament of baptism, or performing any other act of ministerial duty. In any such case the Corrg. Comtee will have the kindness to forward *copies of all the documents* relating to it.

5. Should the Bishop or other Ecclesiastical Authority attempt by any *official* act to restrain Mr. Betts from the due exercise of any part of his ministerial duties, the question should be immediately referred to the Parent Committee, as the grounds on which any such proceeding may rest will form matter on which it is requisite that their judgment should be distinctly taken previously to its being actually decided.

6. The course which Mr. Betts himself should pursue in the event of an *official* prohibition to discharge any of his ministerial duties as Chaplain, must be left very much to his own judgment. The Committee do not wish by any act of theirs to place him in personal collision with the Bishop, while on the other hand he will, we doubt not, see the propriety of abstaining from any act on his part which might concede a principle which in the event the Committee might consider it to be their duty to maintain. Should Mr. Betts, in the case supposed, deem it advisable to continue the exercise of his uninterrupted duties, pending a reference to the Parent Committee and reserving the point at issue for their decision, they would, we apprehend, have no objection to his pursuing that course.

7. Any intimation of the views of the Bishop with reference to any part of Mr. Betts' ministerial duties which did not *officially* reach Mr. Betts or the Corr. Comtee, neither he nor they would, we presume, deem it necessary to act upon. It is however desirable that we should be put in immediate possession of distinct and full information on any such intimation, though non-official, to assist the Committee in discerning all the bearings of the question.

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8. The Committee with a view to ascertain what are Mr. Betts' legal rights in the exercise of his ministry at Knockalva, have directed a case to be laid before Dr. Nicholl for his Opinion on the point. That Opinion we hope to obtain in time to enclose a copy of it in this letter; if not it shall be forwarded by the next packet.

9. On the 2d and 3d Resolutions it will not be necessary to enlarge. We conceive the Comee are not likely to adopt the plan of appointing Assistant Curates. At all events they would not take a step of this kind till the general course of proceeding in the diocese is more clearly ascertained.

10. The course proposed by Mr. Griffiths is liable to the same objection.

11. The questions relative to Ordination without a Title, and to the possible operation of the Conventicle Act will probably form the subject of communication with the Colonial Office.

12. The educational plan of Mr. Mann involves too many serious considerations to be lightly entered upon, even if all other circumstances favoured the extension of the Society's operations in Jamaica. As matters actually stand it is quite out of the question for the Committee to enter upon it. We shall be looking for the Returns to the Government Questions by the next Packet. When this information shall be before the Colonial Office, Government will be enabled definitely to form their plans for the instruction of the enfranchised people. Till that is ascertained other bodies would scarcely be in a situation to determine on their course, even where local difficulties are not experienced by them as is the case with us.

13. An opportunity has not yet been afforded for presenting the enclosed Resolutions to the General Committee for confirmation; but we do not anticipate that confirmation will be withheld, and it seemed desirable not to miss in informing you as fully as possible of our views by this Packet.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Bp. Barbados, March 27/35

P.S. Dr. Nicholls' Opinion has arrived just in time to send you a copy. We regret to observe that its bearing appears to be adverse to our acting with facility in Jamaica under the 36th Clause of the Clergy Law. But I have scarcely had time to look through the Opinion

D.L.

Church Miſsionary House,
March 27. 1835.

My Lord,

Your Lordship's Letter of the 13th Inst. and suggested alterations in the Report of the Deputation appointed by the Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society to confer with your Lordship have been communicated to the Committee. In these alterations generally the Committee acquiesce; but beg leave respectfully to submit two points to your Lordship's re-consideration.

The first point is that which regards the presentation to your Lordship of Individuals resident in the Diocese as Candidates for admiſsion to Holy Orders. This part of the Report the Committee are desirous to frame as follows embracing the principal part of the alteration suggested by your Lordship:–

"With regard to Individuals resident in the Diocese and having been previously engaged in the work of religious instruction with the knowledge of the Bishop and without any objection on his part, whose admiſsion to Holy Orders the Committee might deem it eligible to promote, it was understood that the Bishop of Barbadoes would, on their being presented to him by the Committee, admit them as Candidates for Holy Orders, without an Academical degree, and without other title than the Committee's nomination."

The second point respects the independency of the Miſsionary on the Rector of the Parish. The alteration suggested by your Lordship on this head, would, if the Committee understand it aright, exclude the Society's Missionaries from that part of British Guiana which is Parochially divided. The part of the Diocese within which it was the intention of the Committee to place the Missionaries who have been named to your Lordship. At the same time it occurred to the Committee that your Lordship's alteration may have been suggested with a view to intimate that you did not wish the Society's Missionaries to be stationed within the first of the divisions particularised by your Lordship. The Committee therefore would submit that the Paragraph under consideration should stand as follows:

"II.d With reference to the independency of the Missionary on the Rector of the Parish, within the second division of the Diocese as described by the Bishop of Barbados in his Lordship's interview with the Committee in August last it was understood that the Missionary would be altogether exempt from the authority and interference of the Rector, and dependent only and immediately on the Bishop, and under him on the Archdeacon or Rural Dean, in the exercise of his authority as Diocesan and Ordinary."

The Deputation beg therefore to enclose a copy of their Report thus framed for your Lordship's information.

We remain,

Your Lordships mo. obed.t Servants,

Bp. Barbados. March 11/3

Bp. Barbados

Church Missionary House,
London, March 11th 1835.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to inclose a Copy of the Report of the Deputation which had the honor of conferring with your Lordship on the 3rd Instant.

That Report was made on Monday last to the General Committee; who, in receiving it and in directing that a Copy should be forwarded to your Lordship, desired me further to express the great satisfaction they will have in acting on the arrangements therein detailed in the Society's future proceedings in those parts of your Lordship's Diocese, to which the arrangements refer.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obed^t faithful Servant,
William Jowett.

March 16/35. Rev. R. Panton

March 16/35. Rev. L. Strong

Rev R Panton

Church Missionary House,
London, March 16. 1835.

My dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 2nd Inst. by the Packet, since which period no communication from Jamaica has reached us.

2. We enclose a Duplicate of our last letter, as it contains matter of some importance, though we have nothing material at present to add.

3. As I anticipated in my last letter a Deputation has been appointed to Lord Aberdeen on the questions of Title for Orders and the operation of the Conventicle Act; but the Deputation has not yet waited on his Lordship.

4. The purport of Dr. Nicholl's Opinion as to the Ecclesiastical position of a Missionary acting under the 36th Clause of the Clergy Law, renders it the more important that we should, if possible, effect such an arrangement as may admit of the Society's direct operations in the Island on terms in accordance with the distinctive character of the Society as a missionary institution. After all that has passed however I am not sanguine in my expectation that it will be practicable to bring this to bear.

We remain

My dear Sir

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Rev L Strong

Church Missionary House,
London, March 16. 1835.

My dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 27th ult° by Mr. J. Armstrong, & have since received your letter of Jan. 20/35, and Mr. Barker's of the 15th of the same month.

2. The "Marquess of Chandos", on board which Mr. A's passage was taken, having received damage in the River, was obliged to

put back for repair, and Mr. Y. did not re-embark till the 12th Inst. We therefore forward a duplicate of our last letter, and of one to Mr. Armstrong of the same date, as the Packet will probably arrive out some time before the "Marquess of Chandos" and you will thus be prepared to expect Mr. Armstrong and his party, and will be enabled to make such arrangements as you may think necessary respecting them.

3. We would suggest that, in pursuance of the general principle by which the pecuniary arrangements of our different Missions are adjusted, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Youd should be placed on a fixed salary, so soon as the state of things shall be so far settled and ascertained at Berbice Point as to admit of this being done on sufficient data accurately to determine what is requisite for their maintenance and other personal expenses at their Station. We do not wish however to precipitate a decision on this point till you are satisfied that it can be done in a satisfactory manner, both as it respects the Society and Individuals. We shall also be glad to know from you what buildings are really necessary for the purposes of the Mission at Berbice Point, accompanied with an accurate Estimate of the expense of erecting them. We bless God for the measure of success vouchsafed to the labourers in this Mission.

4. We have no doubt the Committee will approve of Mr. Carter's removal from Richmond, and his location in your Parish. Pray give our kind regards to him.

We remain,

My Dear Sir,

Truly & affect^y. yours,

Sec. C.M.S.

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Bp. Barbados

Church Missionary House,
March 27. 1835.

My Lord,

Your Lordship's letter of the 13th Instant and suggested alterations in the Report of the Deputation appointed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to confer with your Lordship have been communicated to the Committee. In those alterations generally the Committee acquiesce; but beg leave respectfully to submit two points to your Lordship's re-consideration.

The first point is that which regards the presentation to your Lordship of Individuals resident in the Diocese, as Candidates for admission to Holy Orders. The Committee are apprehensive that the terms in which the alteration on this head is expressed may possibly be open to some future misconception; but being at the same time anxious to embrace the substance of the alteration suggested by your Lordship, they have directed us to express a hope that this part of the Report, in the terms now agreed to by them, may fully meet your Lordship's views.

"With regard to Individuals resident in the Diocese and having been previously engaged in the work of religious instruction with the knowledge of the Bishop and without any objection on his part, whose admission to Holy Orders the Committee might deem it eligible to promote, it was understood that the Bishop of Barbadoes would, on their being presented to him by the Committee, admit them as Candidates for Holy Orders, without an Academical degree, and without other title than the Committee's nomination."

The second point respects the independency of the Missionary on the Rector of the Parish. The alteration suggested by your Lordship on this head, would, if the Committee understand it right, exclude the Society's Missionaries from that part of British Guiana which is Parochially divided — the part of the Diocese within which it was the wish of the Committee to place the Missionaries who have been named

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to your Lordship. At the same time it occurred to the Committee that your Lordship's alteration may have been suggested with a view to intimate that you did not wish the Society's Miſsionaries to be stationed within the first of the divisions particularized by your Lordship. The Committee therefore would submit that the Paragraph under consideration should stand as follows: —

IV. "With reference to the independency of the Miſsionary on the Rector of the Parish, within the second division of the Diocese, comprising the Colonies acquired by this country during the last war, it was understood that the Miſsionary would be altogether exempted from the authority and interference of the Rector, and dependent only and immediately on the Bishop, and under him on the Archdeacon or Rural Dean, in the exercise of his authority as Diocesan and Ordinary."

The Deputation beg therefore to enclose a copy of their Report thus framed for your Lordship's information.

We remain,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient Servants,

W. Jowett

Church Miſsionary House,
London, April 15th 1835.

My Lord,

I have the honour to inclose a correct Copy of the Report of the Deputation, as promised in my note of the 13th Inst. I hope it may arrive in time, before the departure of the Packet; and if Your Lordship should have a moments' leisure before embarking, a line acknowledging its

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safe receipt will much oblige, My Lord,

Your Ldship's obedt. & faithful Servant,

William Jowett.

To the Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Barbados.

Bp. Barbados

Church Miſsionary House,
London. April 11. 1835.

My Lord,

That I may not be in error, in the communication which I shall have to make to the Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society meeting on Monday next at 12 o'Clock, and knowing the urgency of the present question as your Lordship purposes leaving Town the Evening of that day on your return to Barbados, I beg leave concisely to notice the result of the conversation with which your Lordship honoured me this morning.

In reference to the three-fold division of the Diocese of Barbados, your Lordship referred to the printed statement at page 51 of your Sermon preached at Exeter in September last, as being the public and authoritative view of the wants of the Diocese, according to which it appears that British Guiana is included in the first division; the effect of which arrangement, if preſsed, would be to limit the operations of the Society, independently of the interference of the Rectors, to the Islands of Dominica, St. Lucia, Tobago, and Trinidad; and to exclude their operations from that portion of the Diocese in which we were desirous of having our Labourers located on the same principle; that, namely, of exercising their Ministry simply under the Bishop's License, and exempted from the authority and interference of the Rector.

After some conversation on the subject, your Lordship was understood by me to say in relief of this difficulty, that, as the part of British Guiana called Berbice is at present but one parish, occupied by a Rector and Curates whose labours cannot poſsibly reach the whole terri-

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tory which as a parish they occupy, you would be ready to meet the Society's wishes if they should desire to have their Missionaries located in Berbice, by regarding at present a considerable portion of that part of British Guiana as coming under the Second Division.

In reference, further, to the Paragraph relative to Candidates resident in the Diocese that may be hereafter proposed for Holy Orders, your Lordship was pleased to consent that the wording should stand, as submitted by our Committee of March 25th last "with the knowledge "of the Bishop and without any objection on his part."

Trusting that I shall be duly honoured by your Lordship's information if I have not correctly prepared my Report for the Committee of Monday next,

I remain, My Lord,
With much respect,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servant,
William Jowett.

Bp. Barbados

Church Missionary House, London,
April 13th 1835.

My Lord,

I beg to acknowledge your Lordship's letter of this day's date; which, together with my letter of the 11th Instt. to your Lordship, I laid before the Committee of the Church Missionary Society. I have further to state that the Committee resolved that the opportunity be embraced of the Revd. Henry Bernau's accompanying your Lordship in the Falmouth Packet on the 17th Instt.; with a view to his location in that part of British

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Guiana, called Berbice, on the principle recognised in the above-mentioned Letters; and that your Lordship's kind counsel & assistance to Mr Bernau in his location be requested.

As the Committee sat late, & your Lordship's departure takes place this Evening, I have only time to add, that a Copy of the Document, relative to these various arrangements, will be forwarded to your Lordship at the Post-Office, Falmouth, as soon as possible;— Copies of it being also sent, agreeably to your Lordship's suggestion, to the Archbishop of Canterbury, & the Bishop of London.

Commending Mr. & Mrs Bernau, and our common Cause to your Lordship's friendly aid & constant prayers, I remain,

My Lord, respectfully,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servant,
William Jowett,
Sec. Cler.

Rev. R. Panton. May 1/35.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
London, May 1. 1835.

My Dear Sir,

1. Our last letter to you was by packet under date of March 30. 1835, of which a Duplicate is enclosed. No communication from Jamaica has reached us since that date.

2. We stated in our last letter that a Special Meeting of the Committee was convened for the 3rd ult. to prepare an Address to the public in reference to the extension of the Society's operations in the West Indies. A copy of the Address is contained in the preceding part of this sheet.

3. Our income this year has risen to the sum of £69,582..4..8. This includes a Legacy of £11,766..11..9. from one Individual. We are thus greatly enriched in money; but the living agent the faithful, "able minister," we have not in any answerable degree. May the Lord appear to supply this need also, and "thrust out" many to gather in the vast harvest with which the great field of the world is whitened!

4. The following Bills have arrived and been honoured since those particularised in Par. 6 of our Letter of April 11/34:—

June 28/34	W. W. Anderson, Esq.	£300
July 22/	do.	£150
	do.	£170
Dec. 31/34	W. W. Anderson, Esq.	£150
Feb. 11/35	do.	£250

5. We have not yet received your Account Current and the Returns of the Mission. It is very important that these should be forwarded by the earliest Packet after the 31st. of Dec. in each year.

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Truly & affly. yours,
D. Coates Secrs.

June 4/35. Bp. Jamaica.
June 15/35. Rev. R. Panton

Bp Jamaica

Church Missionary House,
June 4th 1835.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Letter of the 29th Ultimo, which I laid before the earliest Committee of the Church Missionary Society. They felt much gratified by your Lordship's communication, & have directed me to forward the Inclosed Resolution expressive of their feeling on the occasion. I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt & faithful Servt.
William Jowett.

To the Right Reverend

Rev R Panton

Church Missionary House,
June 15. 1835.

Dear Sir,—

1. We last wrote to you on the 1st ulto, of which Letter a Duplicate is enclosed. We have now the following Letters to acknowledge:—

Yours of Feb. 11th & April 14th
Rev. J Stainsby's Letter of March 19th
Mr Stearn's of April 3d
Mr D. Seddon's of Mar. 20th & April 14th

2. We have little time to write; but were unwilling to allow the present Packet to sail without a few brief remarks on some of the principal points in the Letters before us.

3. We very sincerely regret the circumstances which led to the Rev. H. Beman's services being transferred to the Barbados Diocese and the more so as it has eventually been

found unadvisable to employ the Rev. T. Morris in the West Indies. Having as much to our own discomfort as yours subjected you to disappointment by a premature announcement of particular Individuals intended to be employed in Jamaica, we are reluctant again to name particular persons; but but under the circumstances it may be right to state that we fully expect that the Rev. A. Dixon will join the Mission in the Autumn as originally contemplated. Mr. D. has had a friendly interview with the Bishop of Jamaica, and, with his concurrence, was yesterday admitted to Priests' Orders by the Bishop of London. It is proposed that he should sail to his destination in Sept.r We have some prospect that another Ordained Missionary will accompany Mr. Dixon; but of this we cannot speak with any confidence. We also hope to send out several Catechists at the same time.

4. Your Letter of April the has not yet been laid before the Committee, but we have no doubt that they will entirely approve of the arrangements made by the Corr. Comt. relative to the location of the Rev. C. May, & Mr. J. Peddon.

5. We have reason to believe that the plan of Government is to appropriate the Parliamentary Grant this year exclusively to the erection of School houses. Be so kind as to apprize us, as speedily and with as much exactness as possible, how many School houses the erection of which should be aided by Government money the Corr. Comee. could immediately advantageously occupy, additional to those already occupied by the Society's Teachers. To assist you on this point we ought perhaps to say that our hope is to send out eight or ten Catechists in the Autumn.

6. In Mr. Stainsby's Letter he expresses himself in a way to lead us to doubt whether the Rev. W. K. Betts even now he is regularly licensed by the Bishop can administer the Lords Supper to the people of his charge with the sanction of the Law. Pray let us know quite distinctly how this point is; and, if our construction be correct, how this restriction on the exercise of Mr. B's. ministry can be best removed. Thank Mr. Stainsby very cordially for the

1/7/35. Rev C R Farrar

information contained in his Letter, which has I hope been used to advantage.

7. Be so kind as to inform Mr. Seddon that we will take the earliest opportunity of bringing his Letter of April 14th under the consideration of the Committee.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours
D: Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
London, July 1st 1835.

Belongs to the W. India Bk.

Western India

Dear Brother Farrar,

Your later letters & Journals, & those of Mrs Farrar, exhibit what we have felt to be very encouraging – namely, that your Missionary work is fully in the view of the people, & that in a fair degree you are gaining a hold on the minds & consciences of the young. I would say to both of you, Go on, and prosper: the Lord is with you. The results of your labours may & will vary; illnesses cause them sometimes to vary; & our own religious state, & the aptitude of the people for instruction are things, alas! too variable. Yet with all these & other manifold disadvantages, the Lord does not forsake his servants, & their work. He makes their work as a nail in a sure place. Those Missions, which are now in the most flourishing state, were once

Rev. C.P. Farrar, July 1/35.

unpromising, & severely trying to the spirits of the labourers engaged in them: - but perseverance & faith, labour & prayer surmount all difficulties, & will ever do so. It is enough to know, The Lord is *with* *us*.

You will readily remember that passage in the Book of Joshua, to which I was not intending to refer, but the latter half of which I find I have just quoted. The whole is very remarkable & encouraging: "Their strength is departed from them, & the Lord is with us." So may you find it: the strength of idolatry, and vain philosophy, all giving way before the plain declaration of Gospel-Truth. The foolishness of Preaching will clear them all away.

Your plan of Scriptural Expositions seems to be very important - So much so, that I would encourage you not to desist, from the apprehension of some failure in the commencement. It is to be expected that you should not succeed at first. perhaps some of your present productions, could you read them with the eyes you will have (if spared) - ten years hence, would appear to yourself faulty enough. But it is by continual effort, correcting ourselves, & using the corrections of others, that we gradually improve, & come nearer to the point of perfection. I would suggest in connexion with those Christian friends in Bombay, 4/35. Rev. H. Jeffrey

whom you consulted, the indispensable importance of making each Portion the vehicle of both the doctrines of Justification & Sanctification - the atonement through the blood of Christ, & the Work of the Holy Spirit. I am one of those who hold - (& not without much observation of the best Models) - that every Sermon & Address should contain The Gospel entire: by which I chiefly mean what I have expressed above. As to Style, genuine simplicity is always chaste, intelligible, & free from exceptionable familiarities & colloquialisms. I would just add, that those are likely to be the best Expositions which have been first actually expounded to plain people; the product of living address, as well as of studious meditation. ——— With kindest regards to Mrs Farrar,

I remain, yours affectionately, Wm Jowett.

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Belongs to the W. India T.K.

Rev. H. Jeffrey

Church Missionary House

July 4/35.

My dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of March 30/35. of which a Duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from the Mission have reached us

J. Vanfell Esq. letter of Nov. 11/34.
Rev. J. Dixon's Journal. May to Sept. 1834
Rev. C. P. Farrar's Journal July to Sept. 1834.
Mrs C. Farrar's letter of Sept. 25/34
Mrs C. Farrar's Journal May to Aug. 6/34.
Your letter of Nov. 19/34. Bombay.
Drs Smyttan & Maxwell's Certificate Oct. 9/34.

2. The Rev. W. Mitchell reached London in safety in the beginning of April. He was in a very debilitated state, though

Rev. J. H. Jeffrey July 4

his health had improved on the voyage. He has been gradually getting better; but we doubt whether it would be prudent for him again to return to India. Mrs. Mitchell and the youngest child are we rejoice to say convalescent.

3. By this opportunity the "Carnatic" Capt. Brodie, we forward the usual Publications to the present date. From these you will perceive, that the Society is enjoying much of the Divine Blessing on its operations at home and abroad.

4. We referred in our last Letter to the very painful event of the dissolution of the Committee's connexion with the Rev. C. T. E. Rhenius, with a view to apprize the influential members of the Society of the causes which led to this distressing result. the Committee have printed for confidential communication their Official Letter to the Rev. J. Tucker of Feb. 13/35 on the subject. As it is desirable that the Bombay Corresponding Committee should be authentically acquainted with the facts of the case, we enclose 6 Copies of the above mentioned Letter for their information. These the Corresponding Committee will have the kindness to make use of *confidentially* in any quarter they may see fit.

5. We regret to be still without the Account Current of the Mission to a later date than that for the year ending Dec. 31/32. The inconvenience hence occasioned to us, is we assure you very serious, and the Committee very particularly request, that the Accounts Current for the years 1833 & 1834 may be immediately despatched, if not already forwarded; and in future, that of the preceding year as soon as possible after the 1st of Jany. in each year. In consequence of the absence of your Accounts Current we are quite at a loss to know what the Annual cost of the Mission is; you will perceive by the enclosed Abstract of our Report, that

the payments made here on Account of the Mission between Apl. 1/34 & Dec. 31/35. inclusive amounted to £1973. 17. 7. Now we cannot suppose, that the annual cost of the Mission amounts to a sum any thing like that just mentioned; but in the absence of your Accounts Current, we have no means of ascertaining the actual rate of expenditure in the Mission or how it has happened, that so large an Amount has become payable in the course of one year.

6. The following Bills have been presented on Account of the Mission since those particularized in Par. 5. of our Letter of Nov. 21/34.

Rev. A. Jeffreys	June 18/34.	£34.
J. Campbell Esq	Sep. 3/34.	34.
Rev. A. Jeffreys	Dec. 10/34.	100.
do	8/34	250.

7. We feel greatly indebted to Captn. Molesworth and Lieut. J. Candy for their kind remarks & suggestions relative to the Rev. C. P. Farrar's "Scriptural Expositions" in Mahratta. We earnestly hope that their important recommendations will receive the attention to which they are so well entitled. The Committee are much gratified to find Mr Farrar so successfully prosecuting a work of this description, which they wish him diligently to prosecute, as his other duties may permit. We earnestly pray, that much of the Divine Blessing may rest on the distribution of this and similar works among the benighted heathen.

8. We enclose a Copy of an Address to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland by the Rev. Alex: Duff, & printed at their request. It is a very important Document, & contains much information worthy of the grave consideration of all who are concerned in carrying on Missionary operations in India. We purpose to recur to the subject on a future occasion.

We remain

Dear Sir

Rt. Rev. Ld. Bishop of Barbados.
Aug 14/35.

Mem°

The following Letters have been pasted by mistake in the West India Letter Book:—

The Lay Sec. to Rev. H Bernau, July 15/35. . p.6
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to Rev. L° Strong, Aug. 1/35. . p.10

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Dear Sir

Rt. Rev. Ld. Bishop of Barbados.
Aug 14/35.

Very truly yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
London, August 14th 1835.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to inform your Lordship that a favourable opening in the Island of Trinidad has been presented to them, for advantageously placing the two Students in the Society's Institution at Islington, who were named to your Lordship when in this Country.

The District on which the Committee have the prospect of placing these Missionary Candidates, is Naparima; and the Committee would submit to your Lordship to have the goodness to assign them a District including Naparima, & the adjacent properties.

I am desired particularly to acknowledge, which I do with much pleasure, your Lordship's kindness to our Missionary, the Rev. Mr Bernau, ug 15/35. Rev. L. Strong.

both on his voyage, & his arrival in Barbados.

I remain, with great respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. hble Servant,
William Jowett.
Sec. CMS.

To the Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Barbados.

Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House,
London, August 15. 1835.

Dear Sir,

1. We enclose a Duplicate of our Letter of the 1st Inst. No communication from the Mission has reached us since that date.

2. We enclose a copy of certain Resolutions respecting the Mission.

3. The Committee feel grateful to Sir J. C. Smyth for the support which he has given to the Indian Mission. A Resolution expressive of the feelings of the Committee is enclosed.

4. The Committee have renewed their application to the Colonial Office for pecuniary aid to the Indian Mission. We have not yet received Lord Glenelg's reply.

5. The Committee as we anticipated felt much anxiety in reference to the large outlay proposed by Mr. Armstrong for the erection of a house for him, and approved of what was stated on this subject in Par. 6 of our last letter.

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6. The Commee you will perceive have agreed to receive Mr. Doyce and Mr. Sponner as Catechists, as recommended by you. You state that you think £80 pr. ann. each will be a sufficient salary; but you do not say whether you mean sterling or currency.

7. Mr. Carter's salary the Committee will very cheerfully pay, entertaining a high opinion both of him

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and his services.

8. The Committee have also agreed to defray the cost of Mr. Youd's house, on the understanding of course that it is duly secured to the Society, and to sanction the purchase of a small schooner and a corial for the use of the Mission.

9. It will be for the Corr. Com.ee to say whether £300 pr. ann. be a proper sum to assign to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong for their salary and £200 to Mr. Youd. (You do not state whether sterling or currency). It is the wish of the Committee that the salary should be sufficient for the due supply of their wants with that regard to economy by which the whole of our expenditure should be regulated. As the Corr. Com.ee are necessarily best informed on points of this nature the Com.ee would be guided in reference to them by their judgment.

10. One of the accompanying Resolutions convey the thanks of the Com.ee to those friends who compose the Corr. Com.ee. You will have the kindness to forward to us a copy of their proceedings by the first Packet after each meeting. We also request that they will transmit to us an annual report of the state, progress and prospects of the Mission, both in its Indian and Negro Departments.

11. You plead for an Ordained Missionary for the Upper Demerara River. We fear there is no prospect of our supplying one from home. We suppose that this sphere of labour is among the negroes. If so, be so kind as to state to us your views of Mr. Carter's eligibility to be proposed to the Bishop as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Excuse this brevity, to which my other engagements compel me, and

Aug. 15/35. Rev R. Panton.

Believe me to remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly & affectionately yours,
D. Coates
Sec C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
London, August 15. 1835.

Rev R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. We enclose a Duplicate of our letter of the 1st inst. No communication from the Mission has reached us since that date.

2. A Deputation from the Committee have had an interview with Lord Glenelg on several matters connected with our West Indies proceedings. His Lordship's reply has not yet been received; but we may briefly state the topics brought under his consideration so far as Jamaica is concerned.

3. The necessity of making arrangements so as to secure the enfranchisement of Apprenticed Youths suitable for the intended Normal School was strongly urged and Lord Glenelg promised to give the subject his best attention. A copy of your correspondence with Major Baines and of your remarks upon it was placed in his Lordship's hands as a private communication. We earnestly hope that means will be employed effectually to secure the carrying into effect the provisions of the Abolition Act relative to enfranchisement on really just and equitable terms. The accomplishment of this appears to us essential in order to secure the salutary operation of the Abolition Act during the Apprenticeship period.

4. The importance of affording facilities for the erection and use of buildings for Public Worship for the use of the Society's Missionaries was brought under Lord

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Glenelg's consideration, with a view to such an arrangement as to admit of their being provided without the necessity of an endowment.

5. The Deputation found that the Government Plan of West Indies' Education was not yet completed.

6. The Committee have agreed to Miss Paul's accompanying Mr and Mrs Dixon to Jamaica in October with a view to her marriage with Mr Seddon.

7. We have now the prospect of two Ordained Missionaries, beside Mr Haensel, and five Catechists coming out in October.

We remain, Dear Sir.
Very truly yours
D. Coates Sec. C. Ms.
Church Missionary House.
Augt. 24/35.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 15th. Ult. of which Letter a Duplicate is enclosed. No Communication from the Mission has reached us since that date.

2. On the 17th Inst. the sum of £25,000 was voted by the House of Commons "to defray such expenses as His Majesty may incur in aiding the Local Legislatures in providing for the religious & moral instruction of the emancipated Negro Population." Of that sum £20,000 are to be appropriated "toward the erection of School-houses in the Colonies & Settlements to which the provisions of the Act for the abolition of Slavery apply," & £5000" to defray the expense of Normal Schools for the instruction of Teachers." It is the intention of Government that the abovementioned money

should be appropriated thro' the agency of the different Societies already engaged in Missionary labours in the Colonies. A Circular is to be addressed to the different Societies explanatory of the views of Government as to the mode in which their agency should be employed in the expenditure of the sums above mentioned. You will perceive that with the exception of the £5,000 for Normal Schools it is to be applied exclusively to the erection of Schoolhouses. We will duly apprize you of the arrangement as soon as we are in possession of it.

3. The Rev. C. L. F. Haensel will probably sail for Jamaica at the end of next month or the beginning of Oct.r He will (D.V.) be followed toward the end of Oct.r by two Missionaries, the Rev. Mess.rs Dixon & Morse, & five Catechists. Mr. Morse comes out unmarried, & two if not three of the Catechists married.

4. By this Ship the "Worlington" Captain Sergeant we forward our Publications to the present date & a considerable supply of School-books. A farther supply will accompany Mr. Haensel. The Invoice & Bill of lading are enclosed.

5. In order that you may not be disappointed either as to the quantity or kind of the articles which you require, it will be necessary that you should indent for them. We beg therefore to suggest that to prevent delay or inconvenience in carrying on your operations you should forward to us a Quarterly Indent sanctioned by the Corresponding Committee. The Corresponding Committee's sanction of these Indents may be obtained by cor-

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-respondence, if a Committee cannot be conveniently held. Please to be very precise in stating the number & kind of the articles desired.

We remain
Dear Sir
Very truly yours
D. Coates

Rev W Bernau

Church Miss. House
Aug. 26. 1835.

Dear Sir,

We avail ourselves of the present opportunity to forward a duplicate of our last Letter. We have no communication from you to acknowledge.

We remain
Dear Sir,
Truly & affect. yours
D. Coates

Rev. L. Strong

Church Miss. House
Aug. 26. 1835.

Dear Sir,

We avail ourselves of the present opportunity to forward a duplicate of our last Letter. We have no communication from you to acknowledge.

We remain,
Dr. Sir
Truly yours
D. Coates

Sept. 1/35. Mr C. Carter

Church Missionary House,
London, Septr 1st 1835.

Dear Mr Carter,

It has been the subject of much concern, that your labours of late have been comparatively of an unsettled nature; & though the original cause of your moving was such as could not be objected to, ~~yet~~, still — (not taking it up as a matter of business, but rather as it influences a man's own mind) — I cannot but apprehend that your own feelings must be less established, than if you were fairly settled. The spiritual state of the soul is not a little affected by outward circumstances. When our outward circumstances are unsettled purely from Providential causes, God generally gives his servants a sufficient measure of grace, to keep their hearts in a state of patient waiting & ready obedience. May it be so with you; & may you soon see your paths established!

The opening prospects of every part of the West Indies are such as are calculated, not

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only to cheer us, but to give us quite a new spring to labour. The fetters of former years now breaking, & soon to be completely broken, it seems, even humanly speaking, more worth the while to labour up to a high standard: & when to this we add our Christian motives, well may we say, What manner of men ought Missionary Labourers to be!

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore afresh gird up the loins of our minds, as Children of the day!

I remain, Very sincerely Yours
Wm Jowett.
Church Missionary House,
London, Septr 1st 1835.

Dear Mr. Jones,

Your last Journals have been particularly interesting to us, as they shew how plainly God is opening the way for His Gospel in the benighted regions around you. The poor wild Natives seem to regard us as friends; & under that persuasion they draw towards you & your fellow-labourers, & are willing to hear &

Sept 1/35. Dr. [illegible]

very. You do very well to notice, at the same ime, the natural capriciousness of their Character: be ready for a start & away is exactly the temper of the untutored savage. Is it not, alas! our own temper very frequently, in the service of our blessed Master? Though bound to Him by infinitely stronger bonds than those that connect you & your hearers, are we not ready at any imaginary affront or contradiction to shake his yoke, as if we would shake it off! I have always found it good thus to turn my outward circumstances into an occasion of a spiritual lesson to myself; & if we do this, we shall never fail to find the voice of God speaking to us very instructively through the med of the very persons whom we are instructing.

I will but add a single word on the subject of your extending relations. After a period in which you have been acting alone, you are now assembled together, a somewhat larger band of fellow-labourers. I do trust that by the spirit of humility, love, & mutual accommodation & concession, you will all be enabled to act in harmony; & this will mainly depend on the

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simplicity & godly sincerity with which you unite before the Throne of Grace: there it is, that our hearts are knit together in love, & made one in Christ Jesus.

I remain, Yours very sincerely,
Wm Jowett.
Church Missionary House,
London, Septr 1st 1835.

Dear Mr Armstrong,

We rejoiced to hear of your safe arrival with Mrs Armstrong, at the scene of your future labours: & I would congratulate you, also, on her not being afraid to sleep, where a little before a monstrous snake had been making its nest. Nervous, fanciful ladies are not the thing for Missionary life: I trust you will ever find your partner able to face as many difficulties as may providentially be thrown in her way. At the same time, not to seek & not to brave needless hardships is prudent, both in man & woman: formerly, I remember, we used to think you ventured too much, in unsafe boats, upon the water. I hope this will not occur again – for the life of Missionaries is more precious

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on some accounts, than that of other men.

I would beg of you now to send us full Journals: let some days contain, if facts & conversations bear you out in it, such extended accounts as may help both us in this house, & all our Missionary Readers throughout the Country, in perceiving the work that God is preparing for you or performing by you.

I would also drop a word on the subject of your relation to Missionary brethren & sisters. These may increase: you are not now, as at one time, solo. Let, then, brotherly love continue! I trust you will all know well what it is to pray for one another & bear with one another, & to confer together with prayer & supplication, with thanksgiving. This is what Grace does for all the children of God - it enables them to walk in love; & thus their work is well pleasing in the eyes both of God & man, & their own hearts are greatly comforted.

With kind regards to Mrs Armstrong,
I remain,
Yours very sincerely Wm Jowett.

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Rev R Panton

Church Missionary House,
London Sept. 15. 1835.

My dear Sir,

Having now ascertained the course which Government propose to take in appropriating the Government grant of £20000 to the erection of schoolhouses, you will oblige us by giving us specific information on the following points with the least possible delay.

1. The number of schoolhouses which the Cor. Committee may be desirous of erecting in Jamaica in the present year (Government meaning probably the financial year ending March 31 1836.

2. The points at which such schoolhouses are proposed to be respectively erected.

3. The probable expence of erection, distinguishing the cost of each.

4. The dimensions of the several schoolhouses.

5. The number of scholars which each will hold.

6. The amount of local population (Apprentices) the children of whom might be able conveniently to have recourse to each schoolhouse.

With any other particulars which may occur to you as advantageous for us to be acquainted with in arranging with Government.

I remain,
My dear Sir
Yours very truly
William Jowett.
Sec.y C.M.S.

P.S. Mr Coates being absent from town, I have at his request forwarded to you the above enquiries, and you will see the importance of your favouring us with as early & complete a reply as practicable.

Sept. 25/35. Rev. H. Bernau

As to the sense of the words "fiscal year" in Article 1. we are uncertain, but have supposed it to mean that which is here stated.)

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Church Missionary House,
London, Septr 25. 1835.

Dear Brother Bernau,

Excepting your first letter, which was very general, we have as yet heard nothing of you: but from a communication of Mr Armstrong's we heard you had been in his neighbourhood. Perhaps you are not sufficiently aware how much we value prompt, & frequent letters from all our Missionaries: but, possibly, something from you is already on its way to us. We value not only careful Journals, but also sketches of your first impressions concerning every thing around you:— and, in your case, it is peculiarly important that we should have these, in order that we may, after circumstances of much difficulty, see our way clearly. But, as I said before, perhaps something more is from you on its way: if not, let us have, as soon as you can send it, a full & good Journal of all your proceedings.

Rev. R. Panton, Oct. 1/35.

I trust you are, with Mrs Bernau, enjoying as much outward prosperity as ~~it~~ is good for you, & what is far more important, health & peace in your souls. The sight of you both, as you sat when visiting in my house, & as you sat at the Missionary prayer-meeting in this house, is often present to my mind. Absent in body, but present in spirit is the general relation we must bear towards one another. May the ever-present Spirit of our Master be felt by us more & more! May He be your guide, guardian & comforter, in every possible circumstance: we know not what a year or a day may bring forth; but if we are "found in Him", nothing will ever be really evil to us; all things will work together for our good.

Believe me, affectly yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House.
Oct. 1/35.

Rev R. Panton

My dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of Mr Jowett's letter of the 15th ult. of which a duplicate is enclosed yours of Aug. 7/35 has come to hand. It has been laid before the Cor. Com. & I lose no time in communicating to you

their views on its contents. though an opportunity has not yet been afforded of submitting the Resolutions adopted by them to the Genl. Com. for confirmation.

2. The Committee entirely approve of the purchase of the Birnam Wood property & are very thankful that a site has been obtained which appears so well calculated to facilitate the advantageously carrying into effect the plans of the Society. Their view is that the Normal School should be at Birnam Wood; but that the Rev. C. May should remain in the pastoral charge of the District as at present; as the care of the Normal School will fully occupy the time & strength of the Rev. C. L. F. Haensel. This arrangement will also place within Mr. Haensel's reach what both he & the Comtee deem it important that he should possess the advantage of the occasional exercise of the ministry by preaching in the Chapel on the Property when Mr. May is absent in prosecuting his missionary labours on a neighbouring Property or on any other occasion as may be arranged between themselves. The Committee anticipate much advantage from this course of proceeding harmoniously conducted, both to Mr. May, Mr. Haensel & the Normal School youths themselves. It is however to be clearly understood that the pastoral care of the District – the ministerially visiting other properties – & the superintending Catechists & common Schools is to be the distinct charge of Mr. May; & the care of the Normal School the distinct charge of Mr. Haensel.

3. The Corresponding Comtee will therefore have the kindness to proceed without delay to make arrangements for placing Mr. Haensel & the Normal School jointly with Mr. May, on the Birnam Wood Property. In doing this the Comtee deem it essential that the Residences of the two Missionaries should be quite distinct from & independent of each other, so as to involve no sort of interference with each other as to their domestic arrangements & proceedings. The Comtee also deem it essential that Mr. Haensel & the Youths under his care should reside together under the same roof, with such an arrangement of the apartments

as to admit of his exercising a constant & vigilant personal superintendence over them. The Cor: Com.tee will see the necessity of proceeding immediately to make such apportionment of the Buildings, with such alterations in them or additions to them as may be requisite to enable Mr. Haensel to enter on his duties with as little delay as possible. We scarcely need suggest to the Cor: Com.tee the necessity of the utmost economy in making these arrangements which is consistent with the effectual attainment of the objects which they have in view.

4. The Cor: Com.tee will be at liberty to draw upon me for such a portion of the purchase money of the Birnam Wood property as you may not be able to obtain from local contributions.

5. The Birnam Wood Property & any other which the Socy. may now possess or hereafter acquire, should be vested in three Trustees - who should be members of the Cor: Com.tee to hold the same upon trust for the Society to be disposed of or applied to such purposes as the Parent Com.tee may direct, in the usual form of such instruments.

6. The Com.tee are so much impressed with the eligibility of the purchase of the Birnam Wood Property that they deem it advisable that the Cor: Com.tee should be on the watch with a view to secure any other property possessing similar advantages. These advantages are 1. salubrity of situation; 2. considerable Apprentice Population in the vicinity; 3. extensive & substantial buildings in good repair, 4. A good provision Country; 5. good water 6 sufficiency of land for horticultural & other purposes subservient to the Mission, 7. facility of visiting other Properties in the vicinity & superintending a circle of Catechists' Stations. Should circumstances permit it would be desirable that a communication should be had with the Parent Com.tee before a purchase is actually made. The Cor: Com.tee too will take care not to pledge us to any considerable pecuniary extent in this way without the previous sanction of the Parent Com.tee. The Cor: Com.tee will also consider whether any of the places specified in Par. 5 of your Letter of Aug. 7/35 possess the above mentioned advantages & if so, whether a purchase of the property can be made on moderate terms.

7. Mr. Haensel will sail we expect on the 22nd inst. on board the "Planet" Captn. Beesley. The Rev. Mr. Dixon Mrs. Dixon & Miss Paul about the 28th inst. on board the "Millicent" Captn. Condens. The Rev. W. Moore will probably take his departure about the same time.

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8. We contemplate Mr. Dixon's being stationed at Papine on the views explained in para 6 of our letter of Aug. 1/35; but the question is left open for the decision of the Cor: Comm.ee

9. The Rev. W. Morse has been in India & returned home in ill health. He is now entirely re-established; but it will be requisite in fixing his station to pay especial attention to salubrity of situation.

10. In our letter of Aug. 15/35 we stated that a Deputation from the Comm.ee have had an interview with Lord Glenelg on the Society's West Indies' proceedings. We enclose an extract of Lord Glenelg's reply embracing those points which relate to Jamaica. Time does not permit of our commenting upon them; but we think you will be of opinion that the tenor is favourable.

I am compelled to close my letter abruptly, hoping to write again by Mr Haensel.

I remain
My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev R Panton

Church Missionary House,
London, October 14. 1835.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 8th Inst. We reserve the Duplicate of that and of our Letters of Aug. the 24th and Sept. 15th for transmission by the Rev. C. L. F. Haensel.

2. The "Planet" in which Mr Haensel takes his passage, not having yet sailed, we forward by Packet a copy of the Resolutions of the Comm.ee of Corr. referred to in my last letter, which received the confirmation of the General Comm.ee in due course on the 12th Inst.*

3. The Rev. H. Dixon, Mrs Dixon, and Miss Paul, as well as Mr Haensel, will probably sail about the same time - at the latter end of this or the beginning of the following week. The Rev. W. Morse will probably follow in the "Vere" about a week later.

4. We regret to say that James Jones, one of the Catechists intended for Jamaica, has been compelled to withdraw from us on account of a failure of health. The number of Catechists is thus reduced to four. We lament the smallness of the number, but have "done what we could".

* Havg. explained ourselves fully in reference to these Resns. in our last letter, it is unnecessary to remark upon them now.

5. Willm Long, Esq., has very urgently preſsed the Comtee to station one of the Catechists on his Property at Norbrook, St Andrew's. The Committee's reply was that they had devolved upon the Corr. Comtee the selection of Stations; but that they would report his request to them. Should the Corr. Comtee on a full view of the claims of different Properties which may be acceſsible to them, deem Norbrook an eligible station, we should be very glad that one of the Catechists were placed there. Considering however the small number of agents at your disposal, and the choice of stations now presented to you, we beg to suggest that the decision of the Corr. Comtee should be especially guided in the selection of Stations by the following general considerations: 1. the healthineſs of the situation – 2. the number of persons who would be placed in charge of the teacher at the point wherever he would be located; & – 3. the number of well-peopled Properties around, acceſsible to the teacher's labours & to the formation of sub-stations upon them. In short our arrangements should proceed on the principle of rendering the means placed at our disposal available to the religious instruction of as large a portion of the Apprenticed Population as poſsible.

6. You are probably aware that a sum of money, denominated the Mico-Fund, has been aſsigned by Government to promote the education of the negroes in the Colonies to which the Abolition Act applies. The sum amounts, we believe, to about £110,000, and is to be administered by Commiſsioners in this country appointed by the Crown. The Rev. J.M. Trew has been appointed by the Commiſsioners to superintend the expenditure of that portion of the Fund which may be appropriated to Jamaica. He sails from Liverpool (D.V.) toward the close of the present month. He will bring several teachers along with him; two of whom are designed to form – the one a Normal School on the principles of the British & For. School Society, and the other one for training Infant-School Masters. We trust that under the direction of this valuable friend the Fund in question will in Jamaica be so applied as largely to promote

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the spiritual profit of the Coloured People.

7. We hope Mr. Trew's engagements may not be such as to preclude his becoming a member of the Cor. Comtt. and of rendering very effective assistance in that capacity, as his own duties will cause him to be constantly moving about the island.

We remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C. M. S.

Bp Barbados

Church Missionary House,
London, October 17th 1835.

My Lord,

I have much pleasure in acceding to the wish of the Earl of Chichester, & of the Rev. Robt. Anderson—(brother-in-law of the present Lord Teignmouth)— who both have requested me to furnish the Bearer of this Letter, Mr. H. Gorringe, with an Introduction to your Lordship's notice. I have no personal knowledge of him; but from the united testimony of the Earl of Chichester Mr. Anderson I understand that he is a pious & intelligent man; that he formerly had a situation as a sort of Teacher on an Estate in the Island of Barbados; and that he is anxious to be placed there under your Lordship's

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sanction & authority. — Under these circumstances your Lordship will, I trust, excuse my having brought him under your notice.

I have the honor &c, My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt Servt
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, October 17th 1835.

Dear Brother Betts,

We have not been favoured with any very recent communications from you: but those which we formerly received were so favourable, in regard to your health and usefulness, that I venture to hope you & Mrs Betts are still prospering in both those respects.

Since the time that so great an interest was excited concerning the West Indies, on account of the abolition of Slavery, we have never ceased to aim at following up that act of Justice & Mercy by our efforts to send a goodly Missionary band to that Mission. It is not a little remarkable that West Africa should now be furnishing two labourers for the West Indies — yourself & Brother Haensel, who is joining the present party

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for Jamaica. God has dealt very mercifully with him in years past; preserving him amidst many dangers & sufferings: — we earnestly hope that He has yet work for him to do, as well as yourself, in his wide vineyard. Your places are altered, but your work is still the Lord's.

I could wish you in some of your next Letters to favour me with a view of your opinion of the talents, acquirements, & dispositions of the Negroes & Coloured Population of Jamaica, as compared with those of the Natives of Sierra Leone. You are now, by your past experience, in a situation to make this comparison: — and there is one point which I should desire you not to omit noticing — namely, how far you are able to carry into effect that system of examination of Candidates for Baptism & superintendance of Communicants which was & still is exercised in Sierra Leone.

May the Lord strengthen, guide & comfort you, is the very hearty prayer of

Yours affectionately,

Wm Jowett.

Rev. C. May, Oct. 17

Church Missionary House,
London, October 17. 1835.

Dear Brother May,

It gave us all great satisfaction to hear that you were not long arrived in Jamaica, without finding plenty of work laid before your hand. Yourself & Mrs May have, I doubt not, formed many plans, & in part executed some of them. How have you got through the hot season? The first is generally a severe trial; though by prudent management, & especially by avoiding exposure as far as practicable, some get through it well; though none, truly, without feeling it. Your pleasant season is now coming on. I shall be glad to hear how your Preaching is received, whether there seems to be a "hungering & thirsting after the Bread & Water of life — and especially if any are beginning in good earnest to cry out "What "shall I do to be saved?" Till that effect is produced, by the Spirit of the Lord accompanying his own Gospel, and till you have led them to faith in Christ, and obedience to Him, do not feel contented; be, indeed, thankful for all outward means & advantages; but be earnestly longing, praying & labouring for *signs* of real *life* among

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your hearers. — Of your School-system, too, let us hear full particulars: — will Mrs. May, who has been accustomed to take such an active part in labours of this kind, think it too much trouble to favour me with a few lines? I will not press it, for I know how domestic cares lie on the hands of a Missionary-wife: only if it were convenient I should like to hear her account of the Negro-girls of Jamaica.

May you both have much joy & blessing in your work is the prayer of

Yours, Affectionately,

Wm Jowett.

J King Esq

Church Missionary House
Octr 17. 1835.

Dear Sir,

I give the Revd C. L. F. Haensel a line of introduction to you as I believe there is no other member of the Corr Comee resident at Kingston. May we request therefore, that you will have the kindness to give Mr Haensel such assistance as he may need on landing, and direct him in what course to proceed in communicating with Mr Panton, &c

We feel much obliged by your undertaking the office of Treasurer to the Corr Comee. Your kind services at Kingston will become increasingly important to us in the present extended state of the Mission. We apprehend that as we are now likely to have a stock of School supplies

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at Kingston for the different stations it will be requisite to engage a room in some building to deposit them in. May we request you to make arrangements for this purpose, in communication with Mr Panton, that the supplies may be placed in safe custody and conveniently distributed as circumstances may require. Should you find it compatible with your engagements to superintend this Depository, it would materially promote the regularity of the issue of supplies to the different stations.

I remain

Dear Sir

Truly Yours

D. Coates

Secy C.M.S.

Rev R Panton

Church Missionary House

Oct 17 1835.

My Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 15th Inst. Of that Letter, and of those of Aug. 24th, Septr 15th & Octr 1st, Duplicates are enclosed. We also enclose an extract of a Letter from Sir Geo: Grey dated Septr 12/35 - of which a Duplicate was forwarded Octr 1st - in reference to certain points connected with the Society's proceedings in Jamaica which had been the subject of a Deputation to Lord Glenelg. No communication from Jamaica has reached us since our last Letter.

2. We have great pleasure in at length making the Revd C. L. F. Haensel known to you personally, by means of this Letter, whose arrival our former communications will have prepared you to expect. A copy of the Committee's Instructions to Mr Haensel is herewith enclosed. They are in substance the same as those delivered to him on his going out to take charge of the Fourah Bay Institution, Sierra Leone, in 1826, with such modifications and additions as were necessary

to adapt them to the object before him in Jamaica, which is very similar to that in which he was formerly engaged in Africa. You will find Mr Haensel an able, well informed, devoted man, and peculiarly qualified, we conceive, for the important undertaking on which he is about to enter in Jamaica. The subordinate regulations which may be requisite for carrying on the Institution, the Corr. Com.ee will have the kindness themselves to settle in communication with Mr Haensel, whom they will, we are persuaded, find every way deserving of their confidence. Convinced as we are that it is only through the agency of Coloured persons that education and religious instruction can be extensively diffused among the apprentice population in Jamaica and that these can only be really effective in proportion as they are pious, intelligent, well informed, and steady; we attach the highest importance to the sphere of labour on which Mr Haensel is about to enter, and earnestly recommend the Corr. Com.ee to use every practicable means to place and maintain the intended Normal School on a footing of the greatest possible efficiency. With Mr Haensel's Instructions in your hands it would be superfluous to enter here into any details on the subject; but we desire to impress every member of the Corr. Com.ee in the strongest manner with the deep interest and importance of this undertaking.

3. Mr Haensel is liberally supplied with Books and other requisites for the Normal School. Should anything more be found requisite you will have the kindness to apprize us and it shall be immediately forwarded.

4. By this Ship the "Planet" Capt. Barclay we forward a large supply of Books and other School requisites for Infant and other schools. Of these the Corr. Com.ee will have the kindness to take charge, and distribute them to the different stations as they may be wanted and where they can be turned to the best advantage. In the shipment is also

included four folio Bibles and two folio Books of Common Prayer for the use of the Chapels, to be also appropriated under the direction of the Corr Com.ee The Invoice is enclosed

5. Should any thing occur to the Committee relative to the plan now adopted in Jamaica for the enfranchisement of apprentices, as explained in Par: 1 of Sir Geo Grey's Letter, or with regard to the working of the plan, with a view to its improvement, they will have the kindness fully to explain their views to us. Our impression is that if the Plan should not be found to work well it will not probably arise from the principle on which it proceeds, but from the machinery by which it is worked. It should however be closely watched and we should be informed without delay should it be found to work injustice or oppression, & by consequence to impede our operations by interposing obstacles to the enfranchisement of Youths suitable for the Normal School or to act as Assistant Teachers.

6. We beg to suggest to the Corr Com.ee the placing of the Revd. Richd. Forbes on the same footing, as a Missionary of the Society relatively to the Bishop and his sphere of labour, as that on which the Revd. C. May is placed at Birnam Wood. His salary will of course be paid by the Com.ee and his relations to them should therefore be the same in all respects as those of the other ordained Missionaries on the Island

7. Mr. Harvard was introduced to the Bishop of Jamaica by Mr. Jowett, with a general explanation of the sphere of labour about to be occupied by him. The Bishop has expressed his cordial approbation of it, and his purpose of rendering Mr. Harvard every assistance he can "in the prosecution of his most important undertaking". A copy of the Bishop's letter is enclosed.

8. Though the Committee do not stipulate for pecuniary or other aid from proprietors on whose Estate the Society's Missionaries are placed, it is obviously important that such aid should be acquired whenever practicable; since the extension of the Society's operations would be facilitated in

proportion as such aid is afforded. The Corr. Com.ee will however be careful in no case to receive such aid on terms that would interfere with the complete control of the Com.ee or the Missionary's entire freedom of action.

9. Willm Long Esq. has again pressed upon us the claims of his property at Nabrook, and has forwarded to us a Letter from his Attorney, Jas Gordon Esq, on the subject. An extract of the Letter is enclosed. We can only refer to what is stated in Para 5 of our Letter of the 14th instant, respecting Mr Long's application. The individual alluded to in Mr Gordon's Letter was proposed to the Com.ee by Mr. Long, and resided for a few weeks at the Institution, but relinquished the object of his own accord.

We remain
Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. Ch. Ms.

Bp Jamaica

C.M. House
Oct. 19/35

My Lord

In the absence from Town of the Rev. W. Jowett I beg leave to introduce to your Lordship the Rev. William Moore, who is about to embark for Jamaica in prosecution of the objects of the Ch. Miss. Soc. in that Island. Mr. Moore went originally to Calcutta, but was obliged to return from thence through ill health. The Com.ttee are however encouraged by their Medical Adviser to expect that Mr.

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Morris's constitution will be found not unsuitable to the climate of Jamaica. The selection of Mr. Morris's station will be determined by circumstances on his arrival out. In his case it will be especially necessary to pay attention to salubrity of situation.

I have the honour to be
Your lordship's
most obedient servant
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.
Church Missionary House,
London, Oct. 19. 1835.

Dear Mr. Stearn,

It gave us all the sincerest concern to hear of Mrs. Stearn & yourself suffering so much in your health; but we trust that the change of situation has been blessed to the restoration of you both. I do not forget, also, looking at the date of my letter, that your mild season is coming on: and remembering what a change this always produced on me & mine in Malta, I am led constantly to sympathise

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with those of my Missionary Brethren, who are labouring in hot climates.

More labourers, you see, are being sent forth into the harvest; yet the more we send, the more scanty does the supply appear. This is because the demand appears to be greater & greater — the fields are fully come to the time of whitening to the harvest. We do not forget who were the first to put in the sickle; may you who were one of these, have much comfort in seeing the gracious purposes of God developing, on behalf of your part of the world. — It must, too, be no small comfort to Mrs Stearn to feel that she has an own brother now in the Island; may our comforts temper our trials, & may both lead us nearer to Him, who is the source of endless joy & consolation!

I remain, Very sincerely Yours
Wm Jowett.

Mr. D. Seddon, Oct. 19/35

Church Missionary House, London,
October 19th 1835.

Dear Mr Seddon,

Although on the point of a journey this morning, I cannot let the present band of Missionary labourers take their departure, without writing you a few lines. One of this company will, however, be so interesting an arrival to you, that any letter will seem comparatively as nothing. I write willingly, notwithstanding; — that I may wish her & you every blessing in your expected union; every thing, that is, that shall appear, to the All-wise & All-gracious God, a *real* blessing. Especially it is seasonable for me to remind you both, at such a time, most solemnly to renew your Dedication of Self to God; to Him who has bought you with a price, so that you should never regard yourselves as if you were your own. His you are: & may you so serve Him, that when at length death shall part you, you may review this period

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of your lives with a peculiar joy, in the conviction that it was consecrated to Him!

I remain, very sincerely Yours
Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House
Octr 19. 1835.

Dear Brother Haensel,

1. I enclose the Instructions of the Comee which were delivered to you on the 29th ult. the receipt of which you will have the kindness to acknowledge in your first Letter to us.

2. We also enclose a Letter to the Revd R. Panton, Secretary of the Corr. Comee and one to J. King Esq. Treasurer of that body. As Mr Panton lives in the country you will have the kindness on landing to deliver for Mr King the Letter addressed to him and take his instructions as to your immediate course.

3. You will be supplied with the Sum of £10 to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on embarkation and on your first landing in Jamaica, for the expenditure of which you will account to the Corr. Comee and pay over the balance to them.

4. The Corr. Comee will fix the amount of your salary and from them you will receive the money which may be requisite in order to your proceeding to and being duly settled at Birnam Wood, and for carrying on your future operations there with efficiency.

5. We believe you fully appreciate the very great importance of the object now confided to you by the Committee. You will doubtless encounter many obstacles and difficulties in the prosecution of it; but none which we have not the strongest encouragement to hope will gradually yield under the Divine Blessing to the steady and persevering use of the means suitable to that end. For myself I look upon your present undertaking as

one of the most important in the whole compass of the Society's operations, and have the fullest confidence that "through the grace given unto you" we may expect to see it prosper through your instrumentality. We do not however look for immediate results of a considerable nature from the Normal School; but shall cheerfully wait to witness its gradual developement and ultimate success in spreading over the face of the enfranchised population of Jamaica a large number of able and faithful Religious Teachers, and of its supplying also in due season a goodly number of such for the "furtherance of the Gospel" in Western Africa. May all wisdom and grace be given to you, and may you be abundantly blessed in your own soul and in your important and deeply interesting labours!

I remain
Dear Brother Haensel
Truly & affectionately Yours

Sec: C.M.S.

P.S.B. You will have the kindness to address all your official communications to us through the Corr Comee. This course is necessary to enable the Local Comee properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Comee in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private and confidential manner.

D. C.

Instructions of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to the Rev. Charles Lewis Frederick Haensel, on occasion of his proceeding to Jamaica; delivered Sept. 29th 1835.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord—

On occasion of sending forth another and a more considerable number of Missionary labourers into the West Indies, the Committee would in the first place call upon every friend of this blessed work to unite in renewed expressions of gratitude to God who has opened to us a wide door, we trust also, an effectual door for the preaching of the Gospel to the inhabitants of those islands. Little more than a year has passed, since the period of their comparative liberty began; and already the proofs are clear that multitudes of them are hungering and thirsting for christian education. That such would be the case was calmly, yet confidently, expected by those who had at home promoted the work of their liberation; and who had built their hopes, not on political speculation, but on the sure foundation of the Divine promises. Anticipating such a result, it has been the earnest desire of this Committee to meet the demand which they saw would quickly be made for christian teachers; - and although the past and present supply be still far below the exigencies of the case, yet we would not despise the day of small things. The Committee, viewing the increasing band of labourers, would take courage; they would speak the language of encouragement to you, and to all the friends of the Society; they would desire that the faith of all should apprehend, in its largest acceptation, that prophecy, that a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation". They would cheerfully indulge the persuasion that the ten individuals now to be sent forth, in addition to the few of our Society already labouring in the West Indies, will, through the quickening and sustaining grace of God, be made a blessing to myriads that shall be brought into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

To you a very important part is assigned in the system of evangelic labours, which the Committee are now enabled to enter upon in Jamaica. It is, however, in its nature so similar to that which you have been engaged in, during former years, in Sierra Leone, that little more is needed than to modify those instructions which were seven years ago addressed to you from this place. The Comee. on this review, strongly feel together with yourself the goodness of God in having preserved your life, through many sicknesses and many dangers, to renew thus, once more, your vows of self-dedication to his service. May the remembrance of the past animate you to trust in Him even to the end; casting all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you.

An object to which the Committee have attached much importance in the course of their deliberations on behalf of the enfranchised population of the West Indies, is, the formation of a Normal School in Jamaica, to be placed under the charge of an Ordained Missionary. European agency can go but a little way in a tropical climate, in the direct communication of religious instruction to the people. Duly to effect this object, the agency of pious, well trained, intelligent, and steady natives must be looked to. To raise up such, through the Divine blessing on the instruction given them, will be the end to which the Normal School will be directed.

The Committee send you forth to this labour with the more satisfaction, because they remember how zealous-by you have promoted the same object in West Africa. Though circumstances have prevented your continuing to prosecute it in Sierra Leone, the Committee trust your present undertaking will either in your own hands, or those of others, eventually be brought to bear on that Continent.

The undertaking now confided to you will require your undivided time and attention. The Committee feel it needful to be express on this point. They do not wish to preclude your engaging in such occasional ministerial duties as you may find to be compatible with your health & with your duties at the Institution; but they judge it inexpedient that you should, in any case, undertake the charge and responsibility of a pastoral district, with the attendant duties of visiting the people, administering the sacraments, solemnizing marriages, &c. This would bring a burden on you, by which the peculiar object of your Mission would be endangered.

With respect to the measures to be pursued for bringing the Institution into efficient operation, the Com^{ee} must rely on the Corr. Com^{ee}, whose local information will best enable them to decide on many points entering into the right decision of every question. You will on all occasions freely open your mind and explain your wishes to them; assuring yourself of their cordial concurrence in every design which shall commend itself to their judgment, and of their readiness to promote, by every means in their power, the great object before you.

The Committee would observe, nevertheless, that considering the remoteness of the residences of the members of the Corr. Com^{ee} from each other, in Jamaica, and the consequent difficulty of their frequent meeting together, it will be expedient and indeed necessary to give you a discretionary power in certain circumstances, and for particular objects.

An Indent for the Supplies required for the Institution, which it may be advantageous to obtain from England, should be prepared by you quarterly, and laid before a meeting of the Corr. Com.ee for their sanction. In the event however of such supplies being needed in the intervals between the Meetings of the Corr. Com.ee, the requisite Indent should be forwarded to the Sec. of the Corr. Com.ee for transmission home, if approved by him, and the transaction & the reasons for it stated to the Corr. Com.ee at their next meeting.

The number of Students should not at first be large; ten or twelve will probably be found sufficient. The number may be gradually increased, if adviseable. The most convenient mode of receiving Students into the Institution may be arranged with the Corr. Com.ee on your arrival in Jamaica. The Com.ee are of opinion that no Student should be considered as permanently received, till his reception has been sanctioned by the Corr. Com.ee, and that no Student should be received into or retained in the Institution against your deliberate judgment that he is unsuitable. The temporary reception of a Student may take place on the concurrence of the Secretary of the Corr. Com.ee; or, in special cases, on your own responsibility. The maintenance of discipline in the Institution, and a regard to the moral welfare of the Students, render it necessary that you should be authorized summarily to remove a Student, if you see occasion to do so; subject to an immediate and full report of the reasons of the proceeding, to the Secretary of the Corr. Com.ee, to be laid before that body at their next meeting.

No youths should be admitted but those who can both read and write, and it will be your endeavour to perfect them in both, that they may read English books with correctness and fluency, and write a clear and legible hand.

You will ground them well in all the elementary parts of knowledge; such as, English Grammar, Orthography, Arithmetic, Geography, and History.

Scriptural instruction will occupy much of your time. Let the Bible be the basis of all your religious teaching. Let it ever be your aim to impart to the youths committed to your care as thorough a knowledge as possible of the sacred volume. Its history and biography, its chronology and geography, should be familiar to them; and they should be accustomed to prove & confirm their religious principles by clear and express passages from the Word of God.

The principles of the Church of England, as contained in her authorized Formularies, derived as they are from the Scriptures and conformable to the first and purest ages of the Church, should be explained and inculcated.

The History of the Church in all ages will, also, be another source of interesting and edifying instruction.

The Negroes are fond of music and singing; in these you are fully able to instruct them; and these pursuits will constitute a relaxation from closer study.

The youths should be accustomed to English Composition, and care should here be taken to improve their style, and to raise the tone of their minds.

Some manual exercise may be advantageously intermingled with their studies; such as carpentry or gardening. These things will come in as pleasures and relaxations, & tend to promote their general improvement & usefulness.

The system of mutual instruction should be adopted, so far as it is advantageous and practicable.

No youths should be admitted into the Institution before they have been baptized, nor any under 12 years of age; and no youth should be allowed to marry while he remains under instruction.

You will make a regular Quarterly Report of the state of the Institution, to the Cor. Comee for their information, and to be transmitted to the Comtee. A Deputation of the Corr. Comtee will be requested to visit and inspect the Institution from time to time, and to prepare an Annual Report to the Comtee with any observations and suggestions which they may deem requisite.

With regard to the future employment of those young persons who may be prepared at the Institution to act as teachers — some, it is proposed, should fill the subordinate situations of Schoolmasters and Catechists in Jamaica; and others, in due time, similar situations in Sierra Leone. Some of more promising talents and of mature piety, may eventually be trained for Holy Orders.

The Committee are led from various circumstances, to anticipate that you will be able to find Coloured Youths in Jamaica considerably in advance of the negroes of West Africa, in their habits, ideas, and powers of acquiring knowledge. Should this prove to be the case, the Committee cherish the hope that it may please God to make well-educated West Indians the heralds of salvation to the land of their fathers, and that thus, under the training of British Institutions, their energies may be directed to repair — so far as any thing future can repair the past — those unutterable wrongs which for three centuries laid waste the unhappy coast of Africa, and debarred her children from all access of Gospel light and liberty.

In saying this, however, the Committee do not by any means intend to pledge you to the actual accomplishment of so desirable an object. Desirable as it is, it may perhaps not yet be attainable; and the Comtee entirely approve that prudence which will lead you, they are persuaded, to advance in this hopeful work only step by step, as Providence shall favor our present plans.

The Committee cannot close these Instructions, dear brother, without expressing their affectionate sense of your

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past labours on behalf of the children of Africa, and their earnest hope and expectation that you will devote the same zeal, intelligence and activity to the great object now placed before you in Jamaica. As a servant of Christ, experienced in His school, not ignorant of disappointments, hardships, and the various trials by which He perfects His disciples, the Committee may appeal to you with the greater earnestness, while they bid you, in His name, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, quit you like a man, be strong." Especially they would encourage you, constantly to bear on your heart in constant and fervent prayer, those youths whom it may please God to bring under your charge. Adopt them with a paternal affection. Be to them such, as that they may take a pleasure in obeying you, in learning what you teach, in copying your example;- and especially let there be on both sides such a thorough conviction of your mutual affection that they may, by love - that powerful affection of nature, that yet more powerful grace of the sanctified heart - be led as truly to pray for you, as you do for them. We part from you, dear brother, with many hopes, and with earnest desires that the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may abound toward you in all mercy and truth; that He who has formerly delivered you from perils in the wilderness, from perils of waters, from perils among the heathen, may still be to you a never failing Guide and Guardian;- that He may preserve you from every evil work, and bring you at length to His heavenly kingdom!

(By order of the Committee)

Ch. Miss. House,
Oct. 14. 1835

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. H. L. Dixon, Oct. 19/35

Church Missionary House
Octr. 19. 1835.

Dear Brother Dixon

1. I enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Committee delivered to you, Mrs Dixon and Miss Paul on the 29th Ult. the receipt of which I request you will acknowledge in your first Letter to us.

2. We also enclose a Letter to the Revd. R. Panton, Secretary of the Corr. Comee. and one to J. King Esqr. Treasurer of that body. As Mr Panton lives in the country you will have the kindness on landing to deliver for Mr King the Letter addressed to him and take his instructions as to your immediate course.

3. You will be supplied with the Sum of £15 to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on embarkation and on your first landing in Jamaica, for the expenditure of which you will account to the Corr. Comee. and pay over the balance to them.

4. The Corr. Comee. will fix the amount of your salary and from them you will receive the money which may be requisite in order to your proceeding to and being settled at the Station which may be assigned to you, and for carrying on your future operations there with efficiency.

5. You will have the kindness to address all your official communications to us through the Corr. Comee. This course is necessary to enable the Local Comee. properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Comee. in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private and confidential manner. Praying that you may all largely enjoy the Divine Blessing in your own souls and your future labours.

I remain

Dear Brother

Truly & affectionately Yours

Sept 29/35 Instructions to Rev. H.L. Dixon

Instructions of the Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society to the Rev. Henry Ludlow Dixon, Mrs Dixon, and Miſs Paul, on occasion of their proceeding to Jamaica. Delivered Sept. 29. 1835.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

On occasion of sending forth another, and a more considerable number of Miſsionary labourers into the West Indies, the Committee would in the first place call upon every friend of this bleſsed work to unite in renewed expreſsions of gratitude to God, who has opened to us a wide door, we trust also, an effectual door for the preaching of the Gospel to the inhabitants of those islands. Little more than a year has paſsed, since the period of their comparative liberty began; and already the proofs are clear that multitudes of them are hungering and thirsting for christian education. That such would be the case was calmly, yet confidently, expected by those, who had at home promoted the work of their liberation, and who had built their hopes, not on political speculation, but on the sure foundation of the Divine promises. Anticipating such a result, it has been the earnest desire of this Committee to meet the demand which they saw would quickly be made for christian teachers;- and although the past and present supply be still far below the exigencies of the case, yet we would not despise the day of small things. The Committee, viewing the increasing band of labourers, would take courage; they would speak the language of encouragement to you, & to all the friends of the Society; they would desire that the faith of all should apprehend, in its largest acceptation, that prophecy, that "a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation." They would cheerfully indulge the persuasion, that the ten individuals now to be sent forth, in addition to the few of our Society already ladawning in the West Indies, will, through the quickening & sustaining grace of God, be made a blessing to myriads that shall be brought into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

It will be your office, Mr. Dixon, to set before the Black and Coloured Population under your charge that Gospel which proclaims liberty to the Captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. to follow up the temporal privileges now imparting to them, with the knowledge of all the spiritual and everlasting blessings which have been purchased for them not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. And be assured that you are attended in your labours by the affectionate sympathies and fervent prayers of thousands, who for many years have never been able to think or speak of our enslaved brethren and fellow subjects but with pain, and sighs, and tears.

While the office of preaching will give you the opportunity of addressing so many of the adults, the superintendence of extensive plans for education will bring your energies to bear on the youthful population. Upon this point, and, generally, on the employment of local agency, the Committee cannot do better than refer you to the following passage in the Instructions given to the Rev. W. K. Betts:—

"The Committee consider it a necessary measure that you should make yourself the centre and head quarters of a series of Catechist Stations. For the perpetual and vigorous maintenance of piety, it is essential, even in countries where Christianity is fully established, that the aid of the laity should be wisely and effectually directed in following up the instructions of the spiritual pastors of the Church. But if this employment of the laity be a method needed, even in countries where Christianity is of long standing, how much more requisite is it, that in lands purely heathen, or so lately, an ordained Missionary should desire to have the number of such helpers multiplied - whether by Catechists and Schoolmasters raised up on the spot, or received from home."

The Committee are not prepared to fix your future station: the Corr. Comm.ee, who are best acquainted with local wants, will decide on this point. Yet this Comm.ee have considered that there might be some advantage in your being situated in the vicinity of Kingston, so as to be occasionally a help to the Secretary of the Corr. Comm.ee, who lives at a distance, by aiding him in certain parts of the duties of his office, especially in details connected with Kingston, while you are more specially engaged in pastoral duties, or in the work of Education.

To you, the partners or intended partners of our Missionaries and Catechists, the Com.ee would offer a brief word of counsel and encouragement. You have no doubt accounted it a high privilege to bear a part in this work of making Christ known to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death: - and though domestic obligations will occasion you to occupy the less prominent station in the Missionary field, and sometimes the duty of "guiding the house" may in a degree abstract you from direct Missionary labours, yet your hearts may pray without ceasing, your examples may speak without ceasing, and the influence of a few words, spoken with kindness and with wisdom, may remain long after they have been uttered. The Committee would recommend to your imitation those Scripture - characters, which are the highest pattern of your sex: especially some named with honour in the New Testament; - Mary, who sat at the feet of Jesus; Phebe, a servant of the Church; Persis, who laboured much in the Lord. Let these, and, wherever you find them, let living characters like these, be your constant models.

The Committee have little to add, dear Brother and

Sisters, to the Instructions which have now been delivered to you. What remains to be said, has respect chiefly to the maintaining of the spirit of piety in your own hearts, and among those whom you may regard as belonging to the same family of Christ with yourselves. Wherever your lot may be cast, either you will find, or will, we trust, be made the means of raising up a society of those who are the only excellent of the earth; a company of humble, believing, diligent, and loving disciples of our common Lord. These are the salt of the earth: they may be little regarded by the busy and the gay: but He who weighs aright the value of human character, esteems them as the only precious part of society; on whose behalf He often spares whole nations, and whom He uses as the honoured instruments of extensive good to others. Remember, then, not only the value of such christian sympathy and co-operation; but remember how it is maintained and extended. Our bleſsed Lord has in one short precept shown us how this may be; "Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." The living principle of faith in Him, and that lively faith working by love, is your All in All. Let Christ be the first and the last, the beginning and the ending of every work, throughout every day, in every poſsible circumstance:- then will you abound in consolations through Him; His Name will be glorified in you, and souls will by you be brought to Him. Of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things! To Him be glory and dominion throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

(By order of the Committee)

Secs C. M. S.

Church Miſsionary House
October 10th 1835.

Oct. 19/35. Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House

Rev R Panton

Oct. 19, 1835.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by the Revd. C. L. F. Haensel on the 17th Inst. of which Letter a Duplicate is enclosed.

2. This Letter will, we trust, introduce to you the Revd. H. Dixon, Mrs Dixon and Miss Paul, whose arrival you will be expecting in consequence of our former Letters. Mr Dixon has spent two years in the Islington Institution, and we are encouraged to hope you will find him a diligent and faithful labourer in the Lord's vineyard. We have already suggested Papine as a suitable station for Mr Dixon, connecting his residence there with such an attention to the details of the business of the Secretaryship of the Corr. Comtee at Kingston, as your distance from that place may render it inconvenient to you to discharge. The location of Mr Dixon is however referred to the judgment of the Corr Comtee on a full consideration of the circumstances of their own situation and of the claims made upon them for labourers in different localities. A copy of Mr Dixon's Instructions is enclosed.

3. Miss Paul comes out with the sanction of the Committee in pursuance of a matrimonial engagement entered into with Mr Seddon previously to his leaving England. We trust she will prove helpful to him in his work.

4. We have suggested to Mr King the necessity of engaging a Room in Kingston in which the Society's stock of School supplies may be deposited, and from which they may be distributed to the several stations as circumstances may require. Should Mr King find it compatible with his other engagements to exercise a general superintendence over the Depository, it might relieve you and facilitate the despatch of supplies to the different stations with promptitude and regularity.

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Rev. W. Morse, Oct. 23/35

5. We enclose a List of Books supplied to Mr Dixon by the Comee and which are intended for his own use. We refer to the subject for the purpose of observing that the Corr. Comee will have the kindness to consider all Books in the hands of the Missionaries, bearing the Society's stamp C.M.S. as the property of the Society, and subject to the disposal of the Corr. Comee on the death, return home, or removal otherwise of a Missionary, as they may deem most advantageous.

6. Praying that the blessing of God may largely rest on these and all his servants engaged in imparting the "glorious Gospel of the blessed God" to the enfranchised population of our Colonies

We remain
Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates

J. King, Esq

Church Missionary House
Octr 19. 1835.

Dear Sir,

We beg to introduce to you the Revd H. Dixon, Mrs Dixon and Miss Paul and solicit on their behalf the same kind offices on their arrival in Jamaica as we have already done in our Letter of the 17th Inst. on behalf of Mr Haensel. A Duplicate of our Letter of the 17th is enclosed.

I remain,
Dear Sir
Truly Yours
D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
London, October 23. 1835.

Dear Brother Morse,

1. I enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Comee delivered to you on the 29th ult., the receipt of which I

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request you will acknowledge in your first letter to us.

2. We also enclose a letter to the Rev. R. Panton, Secretary of the Corr. Comtee, and one to J. King, Esq., Treasurer of that body. As Mr. Panton lives in the country, you will have the kindness on landing to deliver for Mr. King the Letter addressed to him and take his instructions as to your immediate course.

3. You will be supplied with the sum of £10 to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on embarkation and on your first landing in Jamaica, for the expenditure of which you will account to the Corr. Comtee and pay over the balance to them.

4. The Corr. Comtee will fix the amount of your salary, and from them you will receive the money which may be requisite in order to your proceeding to and being settled at the Station which may be assigned to you, and for carrying on your future operations there with efficiency.

5. You will have the kindness to address all your official communications to us through the Corr. Comtee. This course is necessary to enable the local Comtee properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Comtee in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private and confidential manner.

Praying that you may all largely enjoy the Divine blessing in your own souls and your future labours, I remain,

Dear Brother,

Truly and affectionately yours,

Jos. C. W. I.

Instructions to Rev. W. Morse, Sept 29/35.

Instructions of the Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society to the Rev. William Morse, on occasion of his proceeding to Jamaica. Delivered September 29th 1835.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

On occasion of sending forth another, and a more considerable number of Miſsionary labourers into the West Indies, the Committee would in the first place call upon every friend of this bleſsed work to unite in renewed expreſsions of gratitude to God who has opened to us a wide door, we trust also an effectual door for the preaching of the Gospel to the inhabitants of those islands. Little more than a year has paſsed since the period of their comparative liberty began; and already the proofs are clear that multitudes of them are hungering and thirsting for christian education. That such would be the case was calmly, yet confidently, expected by those who had at home promoted the work of their liberation; and who had built their hopes, not on political speculation, but on the sure foundation of the divine promises. Anticipating such a result, it has been the earnest desire of this Committee to meet the demand which they saw would quickly be made for christian teachers; and although the past and present supply be still far below the exigencies of the case, yet we would not despise the day of small things. The Committee, viewing the increasing band of labourers, would take courage; they would speak the language of encouragement to you, and to all the friends of the Society; they would desire that the faith of all should apprehend, in its largest acceptation, that prophecy, that "a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation." They would cheerfully indulge the persuasion, that the ten individuals now to be sent forth, in addition to the few of our Society already labouring in the West Indies, will, through the quickening and sustaining grace of God, be made a blessing to myriads that shall be brought into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

It will be your office to set before the Black & Coloured Population under your charge, that Gospel which proclaims liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound - to follow up the temporal privileges now imparting to them with the knowledge of all the spiritual and everlasting blessings which have been purchased for them not with corruptible things, as silver & gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. And be assured that you are attended in your labours by the affectionate sympathies and fervent prayers of thousands, who for many years have never been able to think or speak of your enslaved brethren and fellow subjects but with pain, and sighs, & tears.

While the office of preaching will give you the opportunity of addressing so many of the adults, the superintendence of extensive plans for education will bring your energies to bear upon the youthful population. Upon this point, and, generally, on the employment of local agency, the Committee cannot do better than refer you to the following passage in the Instructions given to the Rev. W. K. Betts:

"The Committee consider it a necessary measure that you should make yourself the centre and head quarters of a series of Catechist Stations. For the perpetual and vigorous maintenance of piety it is essential, even in countries where Christianity is fully established, that the aid of the laity should be wisely and effectually directed in following up the instructions of the spiritual pastors of the Church. But if this employment of the laity be a method needed, even in countries where Christianity is of long standing, how much more requisite is it, that in lands purely heathen, or no better, an ordained Missionary should desire to have the number of such helpers multiplied - whether by Catechists and Schoolmasters raised up on the spot, or received from home.

The Committee are not prepared to fix your future station; the Corr. Commee, who are best acquainted with local wants, will decide on this point: paying that regard to salubrity of situation which the failure of your health in India renders peculiarly necessary.

What remains to be said has respect chiefly to the maintaining of the spirit of piety in your own hearts, and among those whom you may regard as belonging to the same family of Christ with yourselves. Wherever your lot may be cast, either you will find, or will we trust be made the means of raising up, a society of those who are the only excellent of the earth; a company of humble, believing, diligent and loving disciples of our common Lord. These are the salt of the earth: they may be little regarded by the busy and the gay: but He who weighs aright the value of human character, esteems them as the only precious part of society; on whose behalf He often spares whole nations, and whom He uses as the honoured instruments of extensive good to others. Remember, then, not only the value of such christian sympathy and co-operation, but remember how it is maintained and extended. Our blessed Lord has, in one short precept, shown us how this may be; "Have salt in yourselves and have peace one with another. The living principle of faith in Him, and that lively faith working by love, is your All in All. Let Christ be the first and the last, the beginning and the ending of every work, throughout every day, in every possible circumstance:- then will you abound in consolations through Him; His name will be glorified in you, and souls will by you be brought to Him. Of Him, and through Him, Oct. 23/35. Rev. R. Panton.

"and to Him, are all things." To Him be glory and dominion throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

(By order of the Committee)

D. Coates
Secr. C. M. S.

Church Missionary House
October 15th 1835

Church Missionary House,
London, October 23. 1835.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. We have not received any communication from Jamaica since the despatch of our Letter of the 19th inst. by the Rev. H. L. Dixon, of which a Duplicate is enclosed.

2. This letter is given in charge to the Rev. W. Morse whose destination to Jamaica has been mentioned before. We have also mentioned before that Mr. Morse was originally employed in Calcutta, but compelled to return home through the failure of his health. There is reason however to hope that he may preserve his health in Jamaica. Under his circumstances however it is necessary that salubrity of situation should be particularly attended to in selecting his station, as we have already intimated. This therefore the Corr. Comee will have the kindness to bear in mind. In other respects the choice of Mr. Morse's station is referred to the Corr. Comee, governing themselves by the general considerations explained in Par. 5 of our letter of the 14th Inst. We enclose a copy of a note just received from the Bishop of Jamaica respecting the location of Mr. Morse.

3. There is one point or two respecting Mr. Haensel's

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proceedings which we have omitted to notice before. The first is the necessity of making arrangements for conducting the whole of the Schools in connexion with the Society in one uniform system. In order to secure this the system on which the Normal School is conducted should be adopted in all the Station Schools. It is necessary to commence at this point – the Normal School – otherwise a Youth trained up in it might find a system in operation in some respects different from that which he had been taught, which would embarrass and impede him in the discharge of his duties, if not give rise to dissatisfaction and dissension. We deem this a matter of some importance and beg the Comm^ee will adjust it in communication with Mr Haensel, whose intelligence and experience peculiarly fits him to form a correct judgment on matters of this nature. When the plan of procedure is settled with Mr Haensel, the Corr. Comm^ee will have the kindness to make it known at the several stations apprising the Missionaries and Catechists that it is the wish of the Parent Comm^ee that they should closely adhere to it in conducting their respective schools.

4. We beg also to suggest to the Corr. Comm^ee that it will be desirable that Mr Haensel should at an early period obtain the assistance of a duly qualified Native Youth in carrying on the Normal School. As much of the efficiency of the school will depend upon the character and conduct of this assistant, the choice of the individual should be very much referred to Mr Haensel himself, subject however to the sanction of the Corr. Comm^ee.

We remain,
Dear Sir. Very truly yours
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Oct. 23/35. J. King, Esq.

Nov. 12/35. Rev. Messrs. Eckel & Muhlhauser

J. King Esq.

Church Missionary House,
London, October 23. 1835.

Dear Sir,

We beg to introduce to you the Rev. W. Morse, and solicit on his behalf the same kind offices on his arrival in Jamaica, as we have already done in our letter of the 17th inst. on behalf of Mr. Haensel.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly yours,
D. Coates

Rev. Messrs. Eckel & Muhlhauser

Church Missionary House,
Nov. 12. 1835.

Dear Brethren,

1. I enclose the Instructions of the Committee delivered to you on the 3d Inst. They are so full that we have little to add to them in the way of suggestion or remark. Should you find any thing in them which appears to require explanation, or should any point occur to you in reference to your future proceedings on which you wish for farther information, you will have the kindness to communicate with me in reference thereto previously to your departure.

2. I enclose a Form of your Half-yearly Account Currt., according to which it is the wish of the Committee that the details of your expenditure should be made up.

3. I also enclose Forms of Annual Returns of the whole of the details of your Mission, including, as you will perceive, the total annual cost of it. The Committee attach much importance to your making up these Returns with care and transmitting them with punctuality.

4. You will receive with this the sum of £25 to meet any expense to which you may be subjected after you leave London and on your first landing at Trinidad.

With the expenditure of this you will of course commence your Account. Your future supplies of money you will obtain by Bills on me, as directed in your Instructions. Your first Half-yearly Account Current should be made up to June 30/36.

5. You will be supplied with copies of the Scriptures, Prayer Books and Tracts for use on the voyage. I scarcely need say that it is the wish of the Committee that you should make yourself as useful as possible to those on ship-board. It is requisite however that you should be aware that you must obtain the sanction of the Captain for holding Public Worship on board as well as for your intercourse with the Crew. You will see the propriety of regulating your intercourse with the Crew so as not to interfere with the business of the ship. We have little doubt that by a judicious and conciliatory course on your part you will be able freely to exercise your ministry on board with the concurrence of the Captain.

6. We beg to suggest that you should immediately after your arrival at the Port of Spain find out the Rev. George Cummins, deliver your Letter of Introduction to him, and communicate with him as to the place where you should reside during your stay at the Port of Spain, and to your proceeding with as little delay as may be to your Station in North Naparima. Some additional articles of outfit for domestic use you will probably require, which must be procured at Port of Spain. With regard to these you will strictly limit yourselves to such as are necessary to your health and usefulness, and take care to procure on the most economical terms.

With constant prayers for your health and usefulness,

I remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates, Sec. C.M.S.

Instructions of the Committee to the Rev. Alfred Eckel, and the Rev. John George Muhlhauser, proceeding to Trinidad. Delivered, November 3d, 1835.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord –

On occasion of delivering to you the Instructions of the Committee preparatory to your departure to the West Indies, it is impossible to refrain from reflecting a moment on the important changes which have been taking place both there and in West Africa during the last 30 years. When this Society first came into existence, not only did Slavery in its most unmitigated form reign in our West India Possessions, but the Slave Trade was still desolating Africa, without control. This frightful state of things has gradually yielded to the benevolent and noble perseverance of those, who, under God, have devoted themselves to the extinction of Slavery in the Earth: and though their work in all its extent be as yet far from accomplished, yet, the Slave Trade being abolished, and Slavery being, as it were, brought to its last expiring agonies in the British Possessions, the way is opening wider and wider for the free proclamation of the Gospel in those regions. You, dear Brethren, are following in the track of those who began this glorious work: may the high and holy joys of our country and of the Church of God be constantly increased, while we view in them and in you faithful and efficient instruments in making known that spiritual liberty wherewith Christ makes his true followers "free indeed".

The Mission on which you are about to enter is one of much importance and difficulty. The population of Trinidad is, they apprehend, for the most part Roman Catholic; and there is on the Island a Roman Catholic Establishment consisting, they understand, of a Bishop, Vicar General, and twelve Priests. Very little hitherto has been done to impart Protestant religious instruction to the people. This lack of service it will be your duty, to the extent of your ability, to supply; and in doing this it is the view of the Committee that your attention should be chiefly directed to the Apprentices. In prosecution of this design it is desirable that you should be so located that your ministerial labours may be brought to bear on a considerable portion of the Apprenticed population. From the information communicated by Individuals well acquainted with the Island, the Committee are of opinion that the District of Naparima North combines the requisite advantages for the prosecution of your Mission, both as to salubrity of situation and convenient access to the people. This District therefore the Committee have, on communication with the Bishop of Barbados, selected as the scene of your future labours.

The Committee recommend that in the first instance you should, if practicable, hire a house at Little Naparima, until you shall have had an opportunity of informing yourselves fully of the state and circumstances of the District, and may thus be enabled to decide, by help of accurate information, on the point at which it will be most advantageous that you should take up your permanent residence. On this subject therefore you will fully communicate your views to the Committee, as soon as you shall be in a situation to do so.

Another point which will require your immediate attention will be the engaging the use of a building for holding Public Worship on the Lord's Day, and for carrying on your ministerial labours at other times, as you may find advisable.

It will also be requisite that you should open a school as soon as possible for the Apprentice-children, in the neighbourhood of your residence. In this school, while the usual elementary instruction is given, it will be your chief object to make the children acquainted with the truths of Christianity; and, so far as in you lies, to impress those truths on their hearts.

Another object to which the Committee attach great importance is the formation, at as early a period as practicable, of a Normal School, in which a few hopeful, intelligent, and steady youths may be brought together and trained to become themselves subordinate Teachers in the Schools which you may be able in process of time to form in the District. You will therefore diligently look out for a few such Youths; as your usefulness must necessarily be of a very limited kind, until you are enabled to avail yourselves of a well prepared native agency for the instruction of the people. These youths should live with you, and be boarded and clothed at the expense of the Society. Four or six would probably be as many as it would be desirable to attempt to bring together in the first instance. You will readily feel that the utmost care should be taken in the selection of these youths.

The Committee would suggest that in order to your own convenience and efficiency it would be desirable that one of you should take more immediate charge of the Normal School, when formed, and the other the superintendence of the other schools. One object, to be constantly kept in view in the common schools, will be, to prepare youths in them to be transferred from time to time to the Normal School. You will thus secure a supply of youths for that school, who have made some proficiency in elementary knowledge, and be enabled gradually to raise the scale of attainments among the Normal school youths.

You will receive Letters of introduction to the Lord Bishop of Barbados, as you will proceed to your destination via the island of Barbados; and also to the Rev. George Cummins, Rector of the Port of Spain, Trinidad; from both of whom you will, the Committee are persuaded, receive every assistance in prosecuting your labours among the Apprentice population. You will also receive a letter of introduction to His Excellency the Governor of Trinidad, to whose protection & favourable countenance H. M. Secretary of State for the Colonies has had the goodness to promise to recommend you. You will also receive letters of introduction to the Hon. Henry Fuller, Member of Council, and Herbert Mackworth, Esqr., Alguacil Mayor, who were lately in this country, and who expressed their willingness to promote the objects of the Society in Trinidad. From these gentlemen, you will, we doubt not, receive such information as may materially aid you in making the requisite arrangements for settling yourselves advantageously at your Station.

The Committee earnestly entreat you never to lose sight of your character and obligations as Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in reference to all political matters. Your office and business is to preach the Gospel: to be instant in season and out of season, labouring to establish in the hearts of all around you that kingdom of God which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Most remote would it be from this, to take any part whatever in political questions and discussions. From these you will be careful altogether to abstain. And with regard to those secular affairs which are unavoidably connected with the prosecution of your labours, especially at the outset of them, you will enter into them no farther than that necessity constrains you, and be careful in reference to them to maintain the principles and act in the spirit of the Gospel.

The Committee have not sufficient information at present as to the cost of living in Trinidad to place you on an annual salary. You will therefore for the present draw what is requisite for your maintenance and other necessary personal expenses, practising in all parts of your expenditure the strictest economy compatible with your health and usefulness. The Committee will expect from you a half-yearly account of the whole of your expenditure, according to a Form which will be given to you. This Account should be made up to the 30th of June and the 31st of Dec. of each year, and transmitted by the earliest Packet after those dates respectively.

No considerable outlay for buildings or other contingency must be incurred without having previously communicated to the Committee and obtained their sanction. The amount to be drawn for from time to time must be fixed on your mutual conference and agreement, and the Bills signed by you both.

The Committee attach much importance to your severally transmitting a Journal quarterly, made up to the 31st of March, the 30th of June, the 30th of September, and the 31st of December in each year. These Journals you will forward by the first Packet after the close of each Quarter, accompanied by a letter containing such additional information as you may wish to communicate to the Committee. They however wish you to write to them from time to time at other periods as you may see occasion.

The state of the Island with regard to a Roman Catholic Hierarchy and Roman Catholic population has already been pointed out. These circumstances will call for, on your part, much prudence and forbearance, as well as firmness and decision. In this case again you will recollect that your office and business is to preach the Gospel; and while you choose your own course with wisdom, and pursue it with stedfastness and christian faithfulness, you will studiously avoid all unnecessary ground of offence.

The Committee cannot but anticipate for you, dear brethren, many seasons of trial and sorrow of heart, such as must attend those who know what is pure and undefiled Religion, and who see themselves surrounded with superstition, error, formality, and abounding corruptions. The general profanation of the Lord's Day is one of these corruptions; and it has been particularly specified in the Reports made concerning this Island, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

Labouring, as it is proposed you should do, for the enfranchised population, aim at winning persons of every religious persuasion to embrace the pure Gospel of the Holy Scriptures. Catechise them largely and frequently, concerning their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. Distribute among them copies of the Scriptures and of Religious Tracts. Interest yourselves in whatever is for their real welfare. As far as you can consistently with a good conscience, be all things to all men; that you may by all means save some.

In concluding these Instructions, dear brethren, the Committee would affectionately remind you of that great resource which you, and we, and all the servants of Christ enjoy, in the privilege of bringing all our wants before Him, at the throne of grace. What would a Missionary be, without prayer? What strength, what hopes, what consolations can he have, who is a stranger, or an infrequent visitor, at that Mercy Seat, from which the Mediator dispenses all his blessings to the weary and heavy-laden, to the patient and believing, to the whole Church which He hath purchased with His own blood? But we trust that you, dear Brethren, have known well this privilege, that you often use it, and that you will from this time live by it, and grow yet stronger and stronger. Whenever you are pressed by sorrow or perplexity, by temptation or danger, pause and reflect, that this Gate of Mercy, this new and living Way is open at all times; that you have but to cry, "Lord, save, or I perish!" and his Almighty arm will be immediately stretched out to help, and His consoling voice will answer, "It is I, be not afraid". Nor is it only for comfort, but for actual strength, that you will ever have need to seek to Him - strength in your counsels, strength

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in your purposes, strength in your words, strength in the execution of your plans. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength"; and this renewing of your spiritual vigour will not only be a daily want, but sometimes a special necessity. Cultivate then this habit of waiting on God, that you may never be suddenly at a loss at any moment of surprise: let your life be a life of faith in the Son of God: serve Him: put on His armour: let His Spirit dwell in you; - thus may He bless you with inward consolations, and crown you with abundant success: - to Him let us ascribe glory in the Church, throughout all ages, world without end! Amen!

(By order of the Committee)

Church Missionary House,
November 10. 1835

D. Coates
Sec. CMS

Bp Barbados

Church Missionary House, London,
November 12th 1835.

My Lord,

This letter will be presented to your Lordship by the Rev. Messrs. Eckel & Mühlhauser, to whom I have communicated your most kind directions to proceed at once to your house, when arriving in Barbados.

I am desired also by the Committee to express their strong sense of your Lordship's goodness in the particular arrangement made for

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the proceedings of these two Clergymen to Naparima-North, as conveyed to us in your Letter of the 26 Septemb[illegible] last, at the moment when your Lordship was purposing to send another Clergyman there.

We have also to acknowledge your Lordship's great kindness shewn in many ways to the Rev. Mr Bernau; concerning which he has written to us particularly.

I am directed to state at the same time for your Lordship's information the Lay-Agents in the Society's employment in your Lordship's Diocese. There are three Catechists; namely, Mr Armstrong, at Bartica Point, who has appeared before your Lordship as a Candidate for Holy Orders; — Mr Carter, whom your Lordship has formerly seen in your visitation; — and Mr Thomas Youd, at Bartica Point, who, I am apprehensive has not been reported to your Lordship, but to whom the Committee, when he left this Country about three years ago, held out the possibility of his being proposed, at some future seasonable time, as a Candidate for Holy Orders. They are also assisted by three Teachers; namely, by Mr Doyce, & Mr Armstrong Junr (a brother of the abovementioned Mr Armstrong), both at Bartica Point; & Mr Benjamin Spooner with Mr Carter.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,

Your Lordships obedt. & faithful Servant,

William Jowett.

Church Missionary House,

London, Nov. 12th 1835.

Rev. Sir,

This Letter will be presented to you by the Rev. Messrs. Eckel & Mühlhauser, who have been designated by the Committee of the Church Missionary, in concurrence with the Lord Bishop of Barbados, to Naparima North, as the scene of their future labours.

The Committee feel persuaded that you

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will not consider them as asking too much, when we request that you would have the goodness to afford to these Clergyman whatever countenance & help it may be in your power to render them.

I remain, Rev. & Dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully,
William Jowett,
Sec. C. Ch. Miss. Society.

To The Rev. George Cummins

Church Missionary House,
London, November 12. 1835.

Herbert Mackworth Esq

Dear Sir,

In the interview with which you favoured me in London I acquainted you that the Committee of the Church Missionary Society were about to despatch two Missionaries to Trinidad for the purpose of educating and administering religious instruction to the Apprentices and other Coloured People and you had the goodness to promise your countenance to the undertaking. I beg leave therefore by this Letter to introduce the two Missionaries to you, the Rev. Alfred Eckel and the Rev. John George Mühlhauser. They are Germans by birth but admitted to Holy Orders in the Church of England by the Lord Bishop of London. Their Mission will therefore be conducted according to the principles of the Church of England and under the Licence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Coleridge. The District of Naparima North has no communication

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with the Bishop of Barbados been fixed on as the more immediate sphere of their labours. I scarcely need add that the Committee of the Society will feel greatly obliged by your favouring the Missionaries with any information or suggestions calculated to facilitate their advantageous location at the station which has been selected for them; and the successful prosecution of their future labours.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
London, November 12. 1835.

Hon. Henry Fuller

Dear Sir,

In the interview with which you favoured me in London I acquainted you that the Committee of the Church Missionary Society were about to despatch two Missionaries to Trinidad for the purpose of educating and administering religious instruction to the Apprenticed and other Coloured People and you had the goodness to promise your countenance to the undertaking. I beg leave therefore by this letter to introduce the two Missionaries to you, the Rev. Alfred Eckel and the Rev. John George Mühlhauser. They are Germans by birth but admitted to Holy Orders in the Church of England by the Lord Bishop of London. Their Mission will therefore be conducted according to the principles of the Church of England and under the Licence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Dr Coleridge. The District of Naparima North has on communication with the Bishop of Barbados been fixed on as the more immediate sphere of their labours. I scarcely need add that the Committee of the Society will feel greatly obliged by your favouring the Missionaries with any information or suggestions calculated to facilitate their

Sir ~~George Grey~~ G. H. Hill, Nov. 12/35.

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I remain,

Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,

London, November 12. 1835.

Sir,

The Committee of the Church Missionary Society having, on communication with the Lord Bishop of Barbados, determined to employ two Missionaries in Trinidad for the education and religious instruction of the Apprentices and Coloured Population of the Island, I beg leave, by direction of the Committee, to introduce to your Excellency the Individuals set apart by them for this undertaking. They are the Rev. Alfred Eckel and the Rev. John George Muhlhauser. Though Germans by birth, they are Clergymen of the Church of England, having been admitted to Holy Orders therein by the Lord Bishop of London, and will act under the License and Jurisdiction of the Lord Bishop of Barbados. Their ministry will consequently be conducted agreeably to the doctrines and discipline of the English Church. The Station selected for them is Naparima North and its vicinity. The Rt. Hon. Lord Glenelg has had the goodness to express his approbation of the Mission and his favourable disposition to sanction a Grant of Government land whereon to erect the Mission buildings, should a portion be found in a suitable situation which could without public inconvenience be appropriated to that object.

llency the Right Honble

Sir G. H. Hill, Bart.,

&c. — &c. — &c. —

Sept. 30/35. Bp of Jamaica

I am further directed by the Committee respectfully to solicit your Excellency's countenance and protection on behalf of the Missionaries in prosecuting the labours on which they are about to enter.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient Servant,

Secy. C.M.S.

Bp Jamaica

Church Missionary House,
September 30th 1835.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to introduce to Your Lordship the Bearer of this Letter, the Revd. C. L. F. Haensel, who is proceeding to Jamaica, with a view to the formation of a Normal School, in which a few select Youths may be trained, and qualified as Teachers. A site for this purpose has been obtained by the Corresponding Committee of the Church Missionary Society in Jamaica, in the Parish of St George's; and Mr Haensel will in a short time proceed to his destination.

Mr Haensel has for some years past been engaged in the same kind of duties, under

Rev. Messrs Eckel & Muhlhauser. Nov. 19/35

this Society, in Sierra Leone.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's Most faithful Servt.

William Jowett,

Sec. to C.M.S.

Indd

Rev. Messrs. Eckel and Mühlhauser.

Church Missionary House,

London, November 19. 1835.

Dear Brethren,

I enclose a letter of introduction to Sir G. Hill, Governor of Trinidad, from Lord Glenelg, which has reached us since you left London.

We understand that Lord Glenelg instructed the Lieutenant Governor, by the last Mail, to meet the views of the Society, so far as might be practicable, by making to you a grant of any disposable Crown land for the erection of buildings.

We shall be glad to hear from you when the Pilot leaves the ship.

Again praying that the presence of the Lord may go with you, and abide with you,

I remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C. M. S.

56. Nov. 30/35. Revd J.H. Bernau.

Church Missionary House,
November 30. 1835.

Dear Brother Bernau

1. We wrote a few lines to you on the 26th of August, since which date yours of the 11th of that month, with its enclosures, has reached us.

2. It afforded us much satisfaction to learn that, under the gracious Providence of God, you had been conducted in safety to the intended sphere of your labours, and had found prospects of usefulness already opening before you. Achlyne appears to be an eligible district for you. If however you are to be located there, as from the tenor of your communications we conclude you are, under the Resolutions of the Meeting of Inhabitants, June 16/35, we entertain considerable doubts whether your situation will be such as to secure to you due freedom and independency in your missionary work. As matters actually stand your best course will probably be to prosecute your labours in the district on the footing on which you now stand, and thus prove the practicability of working out in a satisfactory manner the plan formed by the Inhabitants. The information which we are looking for, in reply to the enquiries made in our Letter of July 15/35, may afford us the means of judging more correctly of your actual situation and of the comparative advantages of different districts of the Colony as stations for you, should circumstances not permit Achlyne to be permanently occupied by you.

3. Communications have taken place between Lord Glenelg and the Committee with a view to engage the co-operation of the Society in carrying into effect the plan of H. M. Government for the education and religious instruction of the enfranchised population, and the mode in which this co-operation is to be afforded by the Society has just been settled. During the present year the aid of Government is limited to the erection of schoolhouses. The Committee have proposed that two such schoolhouses should be erected in the district under your charge, on the Eastern Coast of

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Berbice. You will therefore have the kindness immediately to take into mature consideration on what sites the two schoolhouses may be most advantageously erected. In fixing on these sites, the following points should be especially kept in view: 1. The healthiness of the situation. 2. The number of Apprentice children who could conveniently be brought together to attend the school. 3 Facility of being efficiently superintended by yourself. In other words - our object is to impart education and religious instruction to the largest number practicable, of the Apprenticed Population, regard being had, in doing so, to the health of the Missionary and Schoolmaster, and to the efficient superintendence of the Schools by the Missionary. As the buildings, when erected, will be the property of the Society, two pieces of land must be obtained to erect them upon. A grant of these may probably be obtained from the Proprietors of the Estates on which they are to be erected; or, if not, may doubtless be purchased for a trifling sum. As soon as the sites are secured, you may proceed to the erection of the schoolhouses. They should be of dimensions to hold conveniently from 100 to 200 scholars, according as the population in the vicinity of each is more or less dense. Each schoolhouse should be constructed with a view to receive both Boys and Girls; only care must be taken not only that the Schoolrooms are entirely separated from each other, but that the whole arrangement be so made that there may be as little intercourse between the two sexes as possible. The buildings should be substantial, but quite plain and simple. We cannot state with exactness what the cost of a schoolhouse of the above description may be; but we are led to expect that it will not exceed £250 sterling. In aid of the erection of each schoolhouse Lord Glenelg has agreed to advance £165 stg. out of the Parliamentary Grant. This, it is understood, will be paid to you by the Governor, Sir ~~J. C. Smyth~~ G. F. Hill, Bart. We scarcely need say that the Committee earnestly enjoin the most rigid regard to economy in carrying these Instructions into effect. They also wish that you should confer with the Rev. L. Strong on the subject, whose long experience in the neighbouring Colony of Demerara may afford you much valuable assistance in bringing this business to a satisfactory issue.

4. It is proper to add, that the school, when established, is to be conducted, as to the religious instruction given, in precisely the same manner as any other School connected with the Society. The school will be subject to the inspection of an Officer appointed by H. M. Government for that purpose, but he is not to interfere with the religious instruction given in the School, but only to ascertain that they really conduce to the moral and religious education and improvement of the Negro Population, and thus answer the end for which the public money has been advanced."

5. Please to state to us, when the schoolhouses are completed, the exact size of the rooms in each, distinguishing that for Boys and that for Girls, and the number of scholars which each room will hold. It is to be understood that the buildings to the erection of which the Government aid is appropriated, are school-houses only; but that there will be no objection to the rooms being used on the Lord's Day, or at any other time not interfering with the business of the School, for the purpose of assembling the Adult population of the vicinity for Public Worship or for Catechetical instruction.

6. It will be requisite that you should be looking around you for two pious, intelligent, and steady young men to be employed as Masters of the intended Schools. If Coloured persons who are really efficient can be engaged, it would in some respects be preferable, as there would be less danger of their being interrupted in their labours by ill health. You will of course engage their services on the most economical terms that circumstances permit. We fear there is little prospect of our being able to supply School-masters from England.

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7. There is another object to which the Committee wish to direct your earnest attention. It is the formation, under your own immediate charge, of a Normal School wherein a few pious Coloured Youths may be trained up to become thoroughly efficient Schoolmasters and Catechists. To such agents you must look for gradually extending the religious instruction of the people, under your direction and superintendence, throughout the district. We deem it much less important that you should instruct many such Youths, than that those, however few, whom you do instruct, are well qualified to be teachers of others. We shall be glad to hear what prospect you have of successfully prosecuting this object, to which the Committee attach very great importance.

8. The information respecting your intercourse with the Bishop of Barbados contained in your Letter before us we have read with much interest. We wish you to communicate to us in the same unreserved manner every thing of material importance which may occur in your progress.

9. The Committee might feel a difficulty in incurring any considerable expense in connexion with the Achlyne Church unless they had more complete control over it for the purposes of the Mission than from Resⁿ. 9 of the 16th. of June it appeared that they would.

10. Have the kindness to communicate this Letter to the Rev. L. Strong. I have to write to him on the same subject by this Packet, and as I am much pressed for time, it will enable me to do so more briefly.

11. The Books &c. which you have requested, we hope to forward by an early ship.

12. We were truly thankful to learn that both you and Mrs Bernau were in the enjoyment of good health.

Praying that you may both richly enjoy the Divine blessing, both in your own Soul, and in your work,

We remain,

Truly & affy. Yours,

D. Coate

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Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House,
London, Nov. 30. 1835.

Dear Sir,

1. I wrote to you a hurried line on the 26th of Aug. since that date no communication from you has reached us; but the following have been received from our friends in Demerara:- Rev. H. Bernau's Letter of Aug. 10/35.

Minutes of Meeting of the Inhabitants of Ashlyne.

2. My principal object in writing at present is to inform you that the Committee have entered into an arrangement with H. M. Government to co-operate with them in appropriating the Parliamentary Grant to the education and religious instruction of the emancipated people. Being much pressed for time I beg to refer you for detailed information on the subject to a letter of this day's date to the Rev. H. Bernau, and which I have requested him to communicate to you. We have proposed to Government - and they have sanctioned - the erection of two schoolhouses in your Parish: with a view to Mr Carter's taking charge of one, and Mr Spooner the other. Toward each of these Government is to contribute £165 stg. You will therefore have the kindness to consider in what points in the Parish the Schoolhouses may be erected, so as to be accessible to the largest number of Apprentice Children. We are led to anticipate that the cost of each Schoolhouse, to contain from 100 to 200 scholars, will not be more than £250 stg. You will however of course get them erected as economically as possible; but they should be substantial, though plain and simple buildings. It is understood that Sir J. C. Smyth will be authorized by Lord Glenelg to pay to you the sum of £330 stg. as the Government proportion of the expense of the erection of the two School-houses. You will have the kindness to follow the same general directions in reference to the School-houses, mutatis mutandis, as have been addressed to Mr Bernau.

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We are compelled to postpone writing to you on other topics at present.

May you, my dear Sir, continue richly to enjoy the Divine bleſsing in your own soul and in your labours!

I remain,

Truly & affy Yours,

D. Coates
Sec.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Miſsionary House,
London, Nov 30. 1835.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our letter of the 23d ult., by the Rev. W. Morse, yours of the 6th Oct. has come to hand.

2. The report of yourself and the Rev. G. Griffiths on the eligibility of Swanswick as a Miſsionary Station, has made the Committee very desirous to occupy it, if poſsible. We have in consequence communicated with Mr G. R. Clarke on the subject. The elder Brother, Mr G. H. Clarke, manages in this country the busineſs connected with the Property; but we have every reason to believe that the Great House at Swanswick will be appropriated exclusively to the use of the Miſsionary or Catechist, if one be placed on the Property. We do not suppose that the Proprietor will be willing to put the house into repair. As however the situation appears to be so very eligible, it seems desirable to occupy it, leaving subordinate points to be subsequently adjusted. We would therefore submit to the consideration of the Cor Committee whether it might not be advisable to place the Rev. W. Morse at Swanswick, should there be no objection to it as a Station for him in reference to health. Should it be deemed unsuitable for Mr Morse, one of the Catechists now on the point of embarkation might poſsibly be advantageously placed there. Mr G. H. Clarke will, we expect, write to Mr Marrett by the next Packet to relinquish the Great House entirely to the use of

the Missionary. In the mean time we thought it better to apprise you at once of the above particulars, as this Letter may be expected to reach you before you fix on a Station for Mr Morse, and, in that case, you may deem it advisable to suspend doing so till after the arrival of the next Packet.

9. The four Catechists, Messrs Holt, Newman, Paul, & Pollitt, will, we expect, embark this week. They have been detained in consequence of Mr Newman's having had the Measles. Three of them are married, and one, Mr Newman, is unmarried. We would suggest that as a general rule, it seems very desirable that a Catechist, on his first entering into the Mission, should be placed with a Missionary or experienced Catechist or under the superintendence of some Clerical friend of the Society for three or six months to enable him to acquire that preparatory information on a great variety of points essential to the prudent and useful discharge of his duties.

10. The Committee have for some time been in communication with Lord Glenelg with a view to the arrangement of a plan for the Society's co-operating with H. M. Government in the appropriation of the Parliamentary Grant in aid of the education and religious instruction of the Apprentices in those Colonies to which the Slavery Abolition Act applies. This plan is at length settled. The sum granted by Parliament is £20,000. The appropriation is, for the present year, limited to the erection of School-houses. The following passages from a Circular of Sir George Grey to the Secretaries of the different Missionary Societies, dated Sept. 10/35, will sufficiently explain the principles of the arrangement.

"I am directed by Lord Glenelg to acquaint you that the sum of £20,000 has been placed by Parliament at the disposal of H. M. Government to be granted in aid of voluntary contributions toward the erection of schoolhouses in the

Rev. R. Panton. Nov. 20/38.

Colonies and Settlements to which the provisions of the Act for the Abolition of Slavery apply. Lord Glenelg proposes, in the distribution of this sum, to avail himself, so far as it may be practicable, of the agency of the several Religious Societies at present engaged in promoting education among the negroes; and with this view his Lordship is prepared to receive from these Societies specific applications for pecuniary assistance toward the erection of such schoolhouses for Negro education as they consider to be required during the present year."

"That each Society making application, be required to pledge itself to H. M. Government not to withdraw any portion of its funds now appropriated to Negro education, in consequence of the aid to be received from the Parliamentary Grant.

"That the Society be required to certify that the School for which the aid is applied for, is, or is intended to be, conducted on the principles and plan sanctioned by the rules and constitution of the Society applying."

After some remarks on details the Despatch concludes-

"It may not be unnecessary to add that all such schools as may have received aid from the Parliamentary Grant, will be subject to the inspection of an Officer appointed by H. M. Government for that purpose, who will report upon their state and efficiency. It is not intended to interfere with the religious instruction given in the schools, but only to ascertain that they really conduce to the moral and religious education and improvement of the Negro population, and thus answer the end for which the public money has been advanced."

The Cors. Commee will hence perceive that the course of instruction in these Schools will be precisely the same as that given in those already formed, and that there is to be no interference with the Society on this point.

5. In prosecution of the arrangement we have made application for seventeen Schools for Jamaica as follows:-

Hanover –
(1) Knockalva
(2) Argyle
St. Elizabeth's –
(3) Appleton
(4) Bona Vista.
Clarendon –
(5) Oliphants
(6) The Pastures.
Vere –
(7) Moreland
Maroon Towns –
(8) Accompong
(9) Moore Town
(10) Charles Town.

St. George's –
(11) Birnam Wood
(12) Buff Bay
St. Andrew's
(13) Sequenca.
Portland
(14) St. Margaret's Bay
(15) Port Antonio
St. Thomas in the East.
(16) Amity Hall
(17) Port Morant.

This application has been principally grounded on the information contained in Par. 5 of your letter of Aug. 7/35. We doubt whether Government will sanction the whole of these School houses. In that case we shall endeavour to get them allowed in those cases where they appear to be most needed.

6. Being much preſsed for time we must give you, as briefly as poſsible, some information on other points connected with this arrangement.

(1) The sum to be granted by Government for each School-house allowed is £165 Stg., and will, we understand, be paid to the order of the Corr. Commee. by His Excely the Governor.

(2) In settling the sum to be paid by Government the Committee have proceeded on the aſsumption that about £250 Stg. will be the average cost of a schoolhouse, to contain from 100 to 200 scholars. The Corr. Commee. will however practise the most rigid economy under this head of expenditure, only taking care that the schoolhouse, though plain and simple in its construction, be quite substantial.

(3) As the School house when erected will be the property of the Society, it will be requisite to obtain a grant of land for the site, or to purchase a piece, to be conveyed to

Trustees for the Society's use in the same manner as its other property.

(4) Each school-house should contain separate rooms for Boys and Girls, and be so constructed as to prevent, as far as possible, any intercourse between the sexes.

(5) The School-house may be used for Public Worship and the administering Catechetical instruction on the Lord's Day, and on any other day provided it be so arranged as not to interfere with the school business

(6) The Corr. Commee will have the kindness to report to us precisely where each School-house is situated; the cost of each; the size of the rooms in each; and the number of scholars which each room will hold, distinguishing the sexes.

(7) You will observe that the Society has engaged to maintain its own establishments out of its own funds. The establishment of the Society as it stood Aug. 1/34, is that which, under this stipulation, the Committee are pledged to maintain at the Society's cost. The Corr. Commee therefore will have the kindness immediately to furnish us with a full and accurate Return of our Jamaica establishment as it stood at that date.

(8) In order to facilitate the carrying into effect the erection of School-houses in eligible situations Lord Glenelg will, we expect, authorize H. E. the Governor of Jamaica to receive applications direct from the Corr. Commee for the erection of School-houses. It is probable, as stated above, that the whole of the seventeen School-houses already applied for will not be granted; but it is well that you should be aware of the fact, that in case you should be of opinion that sites more eligible than those which may be sanctioned by the Government here are eventually accessible to the Corr. Commee, they may be at liberty to communicate with the Local Government with a view to the occupation of them.

7. The Committee have been applied to by Mr H. Small-

word to place a Missionary on one of his Properties in St. Annes. He states that he would cheerfully contribute £30 or £40 a year toward the support of the Missionary, and that other Proprietors in the neighbourhood would be likely to do the same. He also suggests that there is a Chapel near Bromley now unoccupied, with a residence attached to it which might by a reference to the Bishop and Vestry be secured.

The Committee have received a similar application from Mr. Spencer Smith to place a Missionary upon one of his Properties in St. Elizabeth's. He states that the situation is one of the most healthy in the island.

We mention these circumstances for the information of the Cor. Comm^e., referring to their consideration the comparative importance and eligibility of these Properties, as Stations for a Missionary or Catechist. Most thankful should we be if we had a Teacher disposable for every Property accessible to the Society; but as that is not the case, all that remains is to select those that hold out advantages for diffusing religious instruction most extensively among the Apprentice population. We believe Mr. Smallwood has returned to Jamaica; you will therefore have an opportunity, if necessary, of conferring with him on the spot.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

C. J. Cocks

Sec. C. M. S.

Rev. R. Panton. Dec. 2/35.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
London, December 2. 1835.

Dear Sir,

1. We avail ourselves of the departure of Messrs Paul, Holt, Newman, and Pollett, to enclose a Duplicate of Letter despatched by Packet yesterday.

2. The arrival of these friends our former communications will have prepared you to expect. The choice of their Stations is referred to the Corr. Committee. In fixing them they will have the kindness to bear in mind the general principles explained in our former letters, so as to bring their labours to bear on as large a proportion of the Apprentice-population as possible.

3. The Corr. Come will have the kindness to report to the Bishop of Jamaica, or to his Commissary, if his Lordship should still be absent from his Diocese, the Stations at which these Catechists shall be eventually placed. A similar course should be taken with regard to the other Catechists connected with the Society, that they may thus be brought under the general recognition of the Bishop; but not to be subject to the Bishop's License. This is the footing on which Catechists are placed in the Diocese of Barbados, after communication with the Bishop during his visit to this country.

4. We would again press on the Corr. Comee the importance of placing each of the Catechists, for a season, under the superintendence and direction of a Missionary, an xperienced Catechist, or one of our Clerical friends for three r six months, to prepare them properly to enter on their mportant duties.

5. We understand that the Bishop returns to Ja-naica next week.

6. We enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Comee

Dec. 2/35. Rev. J. Panton

Dec. 2/35. J. King Esq.

to Mess.rs Paul, Holt, Newman, and Pollitt.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly & affy Yours,

D. Coates

Secy. M. S.

P.S. Since the above was written, a copy of Mr. E. H. Clarke's letter to Mess.rs Marrett and Miller, Swanswick, has been communicated to us, which we give below. You will be glad to see it not only gives the exclusive use of the Great House to the Missionary, but other advantages also. The letter was too late for yesterday's packet.

"Mess.rs Marrett and Miller.

D. C.

"10 Clarendon Square,

Leamington, Dec. 1. 1835.

"Gentlemen,

"It is my wish that the Clergyman about to be appointed to the Swanswick Estate be allowed the exclusive occupation of the great house, with pasturage for one horse — to be allowed one woman servant — and, subject to your approval of the individuals, to be allowed to hire two men and two women from among the Apprentices. I am &c

(Sign'd) "Edward Hyde Clarke".

J. King Esq

Church Missionary House,

London, December 2. 1835

Dear Sir,

We beg to introduce to you Mess.rs Paul, Holt, Newman and Pollitt, and solicit on their behalf the same kind offices on their arrival in Jamaica, as we have already done in our letter of the 23rd Oct. on behalf of Mr. Morse.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly yours,

D. Coates

Rev. J. Paul. Dec 2/35. 1

Church Missionary House,
December 2. 1835.

Dear Mr Paul,

1. I enclose the Instructions of the Committee delivered Sept. 29/35 to yourself and Messrs Holt, Newman, and Pollitt. The Committee wish each of them to copy the Instructions and this letter for their own information and guidance.

25 2. £25 will be given to you to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on any unforeseen occasion for money previously to your arrival in Jamaica. For this or the balance of it, if any be expended, you will have the kindness to account to the Corr. Committee.

3. The Committee will be glad to find that you are able to make yourselves useful on Shipboard to your fellow passengers and the Crew. You will however bear in mind that you can do nothing in the ship without the sanction of the Captain. By a judicious, kind, and conciliatory course, there is little doubt but this would be obtained; but any indication of a disposition to act independently of him would be likely to close the door against you.

4. Write to us before you leave the Channel, if an opportunity offers, to acknowledge your Instructions, and inform us of your circumstances. At all events by the first packet after your arrival in Jamaica. {Let us also have regularly a quarterly Journal, through the Corr. Committee, made up to Omit
Mar. 31st, June 30th, Oct. 31st, and Dec. 30th respectively. To this the Committee attach much importance.}

5. The Corr. Comtee will fix the amount of your salaries, and from them you will receive the money which may be requisite in order to your proceeding to and being settled at the Stations which may be assigned to you, and for carrying on your future operations there with efficiency.

6. You will have the kindness to address all your

official communications to us through the Corr. Com.ee. This course is necessary to enable the Local Com.ee properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Com.ee in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private and confidential manner.

7. We also enclose a Letter to the Rev. R. Panton, Secretary of the Corr. Com.ee, and one to J. King, Esq., Treasurer of that body. As Mr. Panton lives in the country, you will have the kindness on landing to deliver for Mr. King the Letter addressed to him, and take his instructions as to your immediate course.

With our prayers for your future welfare and usefulness,

We remain,
Dear Mr. Paul,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Secy, M. S.

Instructions of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to Mess.rs James Paul, Samuel Holt, Edward Newman, and James Pollitt, on occasion of their proceeding as Catechists to Jamaica. Delivered Sept. 29. 1835.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord

In reference to the sphere which will be occupied by you, the Committee would repeat what they have on a former occasion stated concerning the appropriate duties of a Catechist. Inconvenience has sometimes arisen from the want of duly observing the nature of that relation, and keeping within its limits. It will be your object to act under the general superintendence of such ordained Missionary, probably the one nearest to you, to whom the Corr. Committee may refer you. In the work of education, and in diligently catechising the children under your charge, both from Scripture and the Church Catechism, & other approved books, - some of them probably branching out into subjects of a secular but useful and christian nature, you will find full employment for all your powers, and large scope for doing good to the souls of those around you. The reading of the Church Prayers and a Sermon will also frequently devolve on you. At the same time you should avoid the assumption of any thing of the ministerial character, either in manner or in speech. It is upon the faithfulness and the humility with which a Catechist performs these subordinate yet valuable duties, that the Committee are led to determine whether he may in due season be presented as a Candidate for the Sacred offices of the Church.

To you, the partners or intended partners of Mess.rs Paul, Holt, and Pollitt, the Committee would offer a brief word of counsel and encouragement. You have, no doubt, accounted it a high privilege to bear a part in this work of making Christ known to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death :- and though domestic obligations will occasion you to occupy the less prominent Station in the Missionary field, and sometimes the duty of "guiding the house" may in a degree abstract you from direct Missionary Labours, yet your hearts may pray without ceasing, your examples may speak without ceasing, and the influence of a few words, spoken with kindness and with wisdom, may remain long after they have been uttered. The Com.ee would recommend to your imitation those Scripture characters, which are the highest pattern of your sex; especially some named with honour in the New Testament;- Mary, who sat at the feet of Jesus; Phebe, a servant of the Church; Persis, who laboured much in the Lord. Let these and, wherever you find them, let living characters like these, be your constant models.

What remains to be said has respect chiefly to the maintaining of the spirit of piety in your own hearts, and among those whom you may regard as belonging to the same family of Christ with yourselves. Wherever your lot may be cast, either you will find, or will, we trust, be made the means of raising up a society of those who are the only excellent of the earth; a company of humble, believing, diligent, and loving disciples of our common Lord. These are the salt of the earth: they may be little regarded by the busy and the gay: but He, who weighs aright the value of human character, esteems them as the only precious part of society; on whose behalf He often spares whole nations, and whom He uses as the honoured instruments of extensive good to others. Remember, then, not only the value of such christian sympathy and co-operation; but remember how it is maintained and extended. Our blessed Lord has, in one short precept, shown us how this may be; "Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." The living principle of faith in Him, and that lively faith working by love, is your All in All. Let Christ be the first and the last, the beginning and the ending of every work, throughout every day, in every possible circumstance:- then will you abound in consolations through Him; His name will be glorified in you, and souls will by you be brought to Him. Of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things! To Him be glory and dominion throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

(By order of the Committee)

Church Missionary House,
November 27. 1835.

Rev. Meſs.rs Eckel & Muhlhauser }
Dec. 12/35 }

Church Miſsionary House,
December 12. 1835.

Rev. Meſs. Eckel & Muhlhauser

Dear Brethren,

1. Your detention enables me to communicate to you a matter of importance in connexion with your labours in Trinidad.

2. Communications have taken place between Lord Glenelg and the Committee with a view to engage the co-operation of the Society in carrying into effect the plan of H. M. Government for the education and religious instruction of the enfranchised population, and the mode in which this co-operation is to be afforded by the Society has just been settled. During the present year the aid of Government is limited to the erection of schoolhouses. The Committee have proposed that two such schoolhouses should be erected in the District of Naparima North. You will therefore have the kindneſs immediately to take into mature consideration on what sites the two schoolhouses may be most advantageously erected. In fixing on these sites, the following points should be especially kept in view. 1. The healthineſs of the situation. 2. The number of Apprentice children who could conveniently be brought together to attend the school. 3. Facility of being efficiently superintended by yourselves. In other words - our object is to impart education and religious instruction to the largest number practicable of the Apprenticed Population, regard being had in doing so, to the health of the Miſsionary and Schoolmaster, and to the efficient superintendence of the Schools by the Miſsionary. As the buildings, when erected, will be the property of the Society, two pieces of land must be obtained to erect them upon. A grant of these may probably be obtained from Government from the Proprietors ~~of the Estates upon which they are to be erected~~; or, if not, may doubtleſs be purchased for a trifling sum. As soon as the sites are secured, you may proceed to the erection of the schoolhouses. They should be of dimensions to hold conveniently from 100 to 200

Scholars, according as the population in the vicinity of each is more or less dense. Each schoolhouse should be constructed with a view to receive both Boys and Girls: only care must be taken not only that the Schoolrooms are entirely separated from each other, but that the whole arrangement be so made that there may be as little intercourse between the two sexes as possible. The buildings should be substantial, but quite plain and simple. We cannot state with exactness what the cost of a schoolhouse of the above description may be; but we are led to expect that it will not exceed £250 sty. In aid of the erection of each schoolhouse Lord Glenelg has agreed to advance £165 sty. out of the Parliamentary Grant. This, it is understood, will be paid to you by the Governor, Sir G. F. Hill, Bart. We scarcely need say that the Committee earnestly enjoin the most rigid regard to economy in carrying these Instructions into effect.

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3. It is proper to add, that the school, when established, is to be conducted, as to the religious instruction given, in precisely the same manner as any other school connected with the Society. The school will be subject to the inspection of an Officer appointed by H. M. Government for that purpose, but he is not to interfere with the religious instruction given in the school, but only to ascertain that they really conduce to the moral and religious education and improvement of the Negro Population, and thus answer the end for which the public money has been advanced."

4. Please to state to us, when the schoolhouses are completed, the exact size of the rooms in each, distinguishing that for Boys and that for Girls, and the number of scholars which each room will hold. It is to be understood that the buildings to the erection of which the Government aid is appropriated, are schoolhouses only; but that there will be no objection to the rooms being used on the Lord's Day, or at any other time not interfering with the business of the School, for the

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purpose of assembling the Adult population of the vicinity for Public Worship or for Catechetical instruction.

5. It will be necessary that you should be looking around you for two pious, intelligent, and steady young men to be employed as Masters of the intended Schools. If Coloured persons who are really efficient can be engaged, it would in some respects be preferable, as there would be less danger of their being interrupted in their labours by ill health. You will of course engage their services on the most economical terms that circumstances permit. We fear there is little prospect of our being able to supply Schoolmasters from England.

I remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates Sec. C. M. S.

Church Missionary House,

December 29. 1835.

Dear Bro. Bernau,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 30th ult. by Packet, of which a triplicate is enclosed, no communication from you has reached us.

2. We regret to say that since we last wrote a farther communication has been addressed to us from the Colonial Office which re-opens the discussion on the proportion of pecuniary aid to be afforded by Government for the erection of School-houses. Under these circumstances it will be necessary for you to suspend all proceedings on the subject till you hear from us again. We shall feel obliged by your apprising the Rev. L. Strong of this circumstance as we were looking forward to the erection by the aid of Government of two School-houses in his Parish.

3. We still however wish you to take measures as you may be able for the formation of a Normal

School as suggested in our last letter.

4. In replying to your Letter of Aug. 11/35 we overlooked that passage in it which relates to the administration of Baptism. The difficulty to which you refer has been felt by all the Society's Missionaries situated in a community like that in which you are placed. The difficulty is indeed a very serious one, but only to be dealt with, we fear, by good sense, discrimination, and firmness, combined with the disposition to go as far as you lawfully may in a spirit of conciliation and love. You will bear in mind that by the XXIX Canon you are at liberty to refuse to admit as Godfather or Godmother any person who shall not have received the Holy Communion.

5. By this ship the "Rosanna", Capt. Munro, we forward our Publications to the present date, a case from Mr Young, and various Books. The books include a supply of Dutch and German Bibles and Testaments, Hebrew Testaments, a supply of works in Divinity, some schoolbooks &c. We cannot find any trace of any Books left in the Warehouse when you embarked. Should you need any School or other books in addition to those sent, you will have the kindness to apprise us. The Invoice, Bill of Lading, and List of the Books are enclosed.

Begging our kind regards to Mrs Bernau & praying that you may experience an abundance of the Divine blessing in your work,

We remain,

Dear Brother,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
London, Jan. 1. 1836.

Rev. R Panton

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 2d ult. by Messrs Paul, Holt, Newman, & Pollitt, a duplicate of which letter is enclosed. Since that date no communication from the island has reached us.

2. Since the despatch of our letter of Nov. 30/35, we have had farther communication with the Government relative to the erection of schoolhouses. The result leads us to expect that the number of schoolhouses in Jamaica toward the erection of which the aid of Government will be afforded, will be much smaller than we had hoped. At present the number sanctioned is only 12; that is, supposing the erection of each schoolhouse should cost £250 stg. We mention this now, though the matter is not yet finally disposed of, that you may be very select in fixing on the sites for that limited number, so as to bring the instruction to be given in them to bear on as large a number of the apprenticed population as possible.

3. We have reason to believe that the agent of the Swanswick Property in London has made such representations to Mr. C. H. Clarke of the necessity of the occasional use of the Great House by the Attorney and Overseer in order to the advantageous cultivation of the Estate, that the house will not be given up to us in the way in which we had expected. We think, however, that our eventual access to Swanswick as a Missionary Station under advantageous

circumstance is rendered more probable by recent providential events. Since we last wrote, tidings have reached this country of the death of Mr Clarke, the late proprietor. The Estate has in consequence devolved on Mr E. H. Clarke, the eldest son, who is very favourably disposed to promote our views. While therefore he does not feel warranted to give up the Great House to the Missionaries for the reasons above intimated, he has expressed his willingness to contribute liberally toward the erection of Buildings exclusively for the Mission. We request therefore that the Corr. Comee will point out an eligible spot of ground on the Estate, of sufficient extent conveniently to include suitable buildings for the Missionary's residence, Chapel, and Schoolhouse; and to give us an estimate of the cost of the erection of the Buildings. The schoolhouse may be one of those toward which the Government Grant is applied. We assume that the Proprietor will grant the ground. Should Mr Morse have proceeded to Swanswick, it will not be advisable to disturb the arrangement for the present.

4. The Rev. J. F. Sessing, formerly employed by the Basle Socy in Western Africa has been engaged by the Comee for Jamaica. Being in Lutheran Orders, he could not officiate as a Clergyman in our Church, & therefore comes out prepared to act as a Catechist, and to limit himself to the duties of that office. Possibly he may eventually seek admission into the Ministry in our Church. He comes out married, & will probably sail for his destination at the latter part of this month. Should Mr Morse not have gone to Swanswick, Mr Sessing might perhaps be advantageously placed there; but on this point we may be able to speak more definitely when Mr S. comes out.

5. You are aware from Mr Seddon's instructions that his eventual admission to Holy Orders was contemplated by the Comee

This must, of course, primarily depend on his own conduct in the meantime, and his fitness to be satisfactorily presented as a Candidate for Orders. It will rest with the Corr. Commee to decide on these points. We mention the subject because we infer from Mr. Seddon's letter that he is looking forward to his ordination soon after the Bishop's return. While, however, the Commee are willing, as above stated, to promote this in due time, they do not wish to recommend a step to be taken till the Corr. Commee are fully satisfied of the propriety of taking it.

6. We have received another letter from Mr. Long relative to his Property at Norbrook, which we copy for the information of the Corr. Committee.

(Copy)

My dear Friend, Hurts Hall, Saxmundham.

I am sorry that the Society do not see the advantage of accepting my offer of placing a Catechist upon my Estate; it is perhaps (& happily so) an uncommon thing to have such an application, but are they always at ease that though the Planter is favorable to the object, that the West Indian Atty. or Manager of the Property is also? in my case you have all circumstances favorable to the Society's objects, and, what is more, they can obtain as correct information respecting the circumstances of the Estate in England – though Mr. Cotton drew back from his engagements, yet I only sent him to the Institution to be approved of by the Society: on them rested the decision whether he was a fit agent to be employed, & therefore I was as much in the Society's hands when he was under probation, as I am now. My agent renders himself responsible to find a house for any agent of the Ch. Miss. Society, sent out with the more especial view to benefit the neighbourhood of my Estate; for two years, on my first coming into possession of the property it will be only in debt to me, & the Society can scarcely expect me to render aid, but when it has become less burdensome to me, I shall be very glad to give some assistance.

I always intended that should I become the owner of this

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Property it should be a Missionary Station, & I shall not rest satisfied until I have accomplished that end. I fear the Society will think me a most troublesome person on their list, but if I state reasonable grounds for my application, I shall expect a compliance in the furtherance of their principles; it is not likely that knowing my responsibility toward these poor negroes, I should allow such an opportunity as the present to pass, without exerting every possible means to further my intention."

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours
D. Coates Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House
London, Jan. 1. 1836.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet of Nov. 30/35 of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed. Your Letter of Oct. 24/35 with its enclosures reached us yesterday.

2. On the communications just received we cannot enter fully at present. The statements relative to Mr. Armstrong are very painful. It will be the obvious duty of the Corr. Comee. not to promote Mr. Armstrong's admission to Holy Orders till they can do so with entire satisfaction to their own minds.

3. It is quite clear from the contents of your Letter that it will be requisite that the Corr. Comee. should very carefully watch the expenditure of the Mission to the Indians. We would suggest that the Bills on account of that Mission should in future be drawn not by the Missionaries but by the Corr. Comee. The Missionaries might be requested to report to you previously to the stated Meetings of the Corr. Comee. the amount required for the Mission previously to the next succeeding stated Meeting of the Corr. Comee.; explaining fully the items of the expenditure, and if not for a head of expense previously sanctioned, the reasons for incurring it. The Corr. Comee. would thus be in a position to

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judge of the pecuniary provision which it might be necessary to make on account of the Mission before their next Meeting. A Bill, or Bills on me might then be drawn, simply stating the amount in Sterling and the rate of Exchange at which the Bill was drawn. A Letter of advice should be written by Packet transmitting the Minutes of the Committee with explanatory remarks exactly as you have done in the communications before us. An annual Account of the whole expenditure under the administration of the Corr. Comee. should be furnished agreeably to form which we will transmit it.

4. Since the despatch of our last Letter further communication with Government leads us to doubt whether we shall be able to obtain their aid to the erection of School-houses in your Parish. Proceedings must therefore be suspended until you hear further from us. I have already intimated this to the Revd. H. Beaman in a Letter by a Merchant ship; but as this will probably arrive out first, we should feel obliged by your apprising him that he also must for the present suspend proceedings relative to the erection of School-houses. We should however be glad to receive from you a statement of the site whereon two such houses could be advantageously erected in your Parish and cost of erection, to contain from 100 to 200 scholars - boys and girls and size of the rooms &c.

I can add no more at present, except the expression of our regret at the unpleasant circumstances in which you have been placed through your connexion with our Society, and our earnest prayers that both you and Mrs. S. may increasingly experience the blessing from the Lord on all your labours of love for His name's sake.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

J. King, Esq

Church Missionary House,
January 21. 1836.

Dear Sir,

1. I beg now to introduce to you the Rev. J. F. Sessing who comes out to reinforce the Jamaica Mission. Have the kindness to give him the requisite directions with regard to his future course. Mr. S. is charged with a Letter to the Rev. R. Panton, explaining the views of the Committee respecting him.

2. We feel grateful for the readiness with which you have kindly undertaken the direction of the Depository connected with the Mission, and the issue of supplies to the different Stations.

3. The following Bills have been presented on account of the Mission since those particularized in Par. 10 of our Letter to Mr. Panton of May 1835:-

April 10/35 -	W. W. Anderson, Esq. -	£300.
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July 10/35 -	J. King, Esq. —	300.
June 25/. -	— · —	122. 7. 3
Aug. 5/.	— · —	300.
Oct. 6/.	J. King, Esq. Jr —	300
Oct. 3/.	J. King, Esq. —	60
Nov. 19/.	— · —	300
Dec. 14/.	— · —	400

We remain. Dear Sir, Very truly Yours.
D. Coates

Rev. R. Panton. Jan. 21/36.

Church Missionary House,
January 21. 1836.

Rev R Panton

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 1st Instant by Packet, of which letter a duplicate is enclosed, and we have now to acknowledge the following communications from you :–

Your Letter of November 30/35.
Two Letters from J. King, Esq., Nov. 18 & Dec. 15/35.
Rev. J. Smithy's Letter ~~from~~ to yourself, Nov. 30/35.
Rev. C. L. F. Haensel's Letter, Dec. 15/35.
Mr. Schaffter's Letter, Dec. 13/35.
~~Mr. B. Spence's Letter, Nov. 25/35.~~
Mr. Farquharson's Letter to yourself, Nov. 21/35.

2. This Letter is given in charge to the Rev. J. F. Sessing whose coming out with a view to act in the capacity of a Catechist was mentioned in our last letter. A copy of our letter to Mr. S. of the 18th Instt. is enclosed, which will fully explain to you the views of the Committee with reference to him. In our last letter we suggested Swanswick for Mr. S. in case it should not have been deemed advisable to place the Rev. W. Morse there. So far as our information enables us to judge, we should still think that an eligible post for him; but the question of Station is referred to the decision of the Corr. Committee, who will be better able to judge of the comparative advantage of different accessible Stations at the period when Mr. S. arrives out. We would only again press on the Corresponding Comm. the importance of governing the location of Missionaries in all cases by the principles explained in Par. 5 of our letter of Oct. 16/35.

3. As several Missionaries in Lutheran

Catechists connected with the Society have seen reason to desire admission to Holy Orders in the Church of England in order to their more extensive usefulness, it is possible that Mr Sessing may eventually desire to take that course. It is a point in reference to which the Committee have never attempted to influence the minds of Individuals, and would not do so in the present case. I only mention the subject that ~~you~~ the Corr. Comt. may be aware of what has occurred in other instances, that they may act accordingly, should Mr Sessing spontaneously propose the subject to the Corr. Comee. The Bishop we have reason to believe would willingly receive him as a Candidate should he propose himself, having previously strictly limited himself to the duties proper to a Catechist.

4. We feel greatly indebted to you and the Rev. G. Griffiths for the journey which you had the kindness to make in order to ascertain what Properties would be open to the Society's Missionaries and Catechists, and the advantages connected with them respectively. The information which you have thus acquired and communicated to us is highly important, and will, we doubt not, under the divine blessing, materially promote the Society's operations in the island.

5. Since we last wrote, our communications with H. M. Government relative to the Society's cooperation in the application of a portion of the Parliamentary Grant of £20,000 have been brought to a close. The result is that the sum of £1801 sterling has been assigned to the Society for the erection of School-houses in Jamaica. It is granted on the principle that the Government contribute

two thirds and the Society one third of the cost of erecting each schoolhouse. On the supposition that each schoolhouse would cost £250 stg. provision would thus be made for the erection of nine schoolhouses in Jamaica. In estimating the cost of schoolhouses we have been led to suppose that the cost of one to contain from 100 to 200 children would amount to £250 stg., as above mentioned. If it should be found that at some points where the erection of a schoolhouse is called for, the number of scholars that could be conveniently collected in it would be less than that above specified, the cost of the erection of the building would of course be less also. The Corr. Comm. therefore will consider generally where Schoolhouses can be most advantageously erected and the number of Scholars likely to be collected in each. They will then take measures to procure the erection of plain substantial buildings on the most economical terms so as to extend the aid to be afforded in the education and religious instruction of the enfranchised population to the widest possible extent, two thirds of the cost of each Schoolhouse being defrayed out of the Government Grant, and the remaining one third out of the funds of the Society. The Committee will understand that the Grant is made for the erection of schoolhouses exclusively, and is not to be appropriated to the erection of a residence for the Master. It will be desirable therefore that the Schoolhouses should be erected at Stations where there is a building belonging to the Society in which the Master might reside. As however the schoolhouse when erected, will be the property of the Society, it will be open to the Corr.

Committee, in special cases to build a house for the Master, on the ground on which the Schoolhouse stands at the expence of the Society. This however is a proceeding which it is desirable if possible to avoid, and rather to purchase a building for the Schoolmaster's residence and the ground on which it stands, and thereupon to erect a Schoolhouse. In either case the ground on which the Schoolhouse is erected must be the property of the Society, and conveyed to Trustees on its behalf agreeably to the general directions contained in the Resolution of the Committee of Sept. 29/35 & Par. 5 of our Letter of Oct. 8/35

6. The Corr. Comm^ee will have the kindness to give us with much accuracy the information specified under different heads in Par. 6 of our letter of Nov. 30/35. The relation in which we stand to the Government in reference to the Schoolhouses erected by aid of the Government Grant it is requisite that the information which we seek should be full and exact. We also beg to be furnished with it as speedily as possible.

7. The Corr. Committee will also have the kindness to report to us at once the spots selected for Schoolhouses to be aided by the Government Grants, the size of each, distinguishing that intended for girls from that for Boys, and stating the estimated cost. This general information we wish to receive as soon as possible, to be communicated to Government, as in order to avoid delay they have in the case of Jamaica dispensed with the communication of it to them before making the grant.

8. It will be requisite that the Treasurer should keep a distinct account of the expenditure of the £1501. His Bills on account of it should specify that circumstance in the body of them

9. An opportunity has not yet been afforded to us of communicating to the Committee your Letter of Nov. 30/35; but we have no doubt that they would wish the Corr. Comee to exercise their own judgment as to which of the Stations mentioned in it it would be most advisable to occupy, governing yourselves by the general considerations suggested in this and former letters.

10. We beg to remind you of the very great importance which the Committee attach to our receiving the Account Current of the Mission and the returns of the several stations agreeably to the Printed Forms, as soon after the 31st of December as poſsible. Should they not have been despatched previously to the arrival of this letter, pray let them be sent off immediately.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Secy. Ms.

P.S. We forward by the "Black River" Packet, which takes out Mr. Leſsing, several copies of a neat, small edition of some of the Books of the New Testament, printed separately. It has occurred to us that these, and some works of piety, also sent, might be advantageously sold to the people who are able to read, at a price just sufficient to secure the Society against loſs. If so, we would send more. A List of the Books and prices of them is enclosed.

D.C.

Jan. 21/36. Rev. J. F. Seſsing

Church Miſsionary House,
January 21. 1836.

Dear Brother Seſsing,

1. Being now received into connexion with the Church Miſsionary Society you will stand in the same relation to it as its other Miſsionaries. Jamaica will be the sphere of your labours; but your particular station will be fixed by the Corresponding Committee in the Island.

2. The immediate direction and superintendence of the affairs of the Miſsion being devolved upon that body, you will have the kindneſs to regard them as the Representatives of the Parent Committee, and follow their Instructions precisely in the same manner as if they emanated from the Parent Committee themselves. Should however any difference of opinion arise between you and the Corr. Committee on any part of your proceedings, you will be at liberty to refer the matter to the Parent Committee for their decision; but it will be requisite for you to follow the Instructions of the Corr. Comm^ee pending such reference home. The Committee request you will transmit your official correspondence unsealed through the Corr. Committee. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private and confidential manner.

3. The Committee attach much importance to your keeping a Journal of your proceedings and transmitting it to them in Quarterly portions made up to the 31st of March, the 30th of June, the 30th of September, and the 31st of December in each year.

4 You will receive £10 to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on embarkation, and on your first landing in Jamaica, for the expenditure

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of which you will account to the Corr. Committee, and pay over the balance to them.

5. The Corr. Comm^e. will fix the amount of your salary, and from them you will receive the money which may be requisite in order to your proceeding to and being settled at the Station which may be assigned to you, and for carrying on your future operations there with efficiency.

6. We enclose a Letter to the Rev. R Panton, Secretary of the Corr. Comm^e., and one to J. King, Esq., Treasurer of that body. As M^r. Panton lives in the country, you will have the kindness on landing to deliver to M^r. King the letter addressed to him, and take his instructions as to your immediate course.

7. The Committee wish you to avail yourself of every opportunity for promoting the spiritual profit of those with whom you sail. You will be supplied with Bibles, Prayer Books, & Tracts for the use of the Crew.

Praying that both you and Mrs S. may abundantly enjoy the divine blessing in your own souls & in your future labours.

I remain,

Dear Brother,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Secy. Ms.

Church Missionary House, London,

January 22nd 1836.

Dear Brother Betts,

Your account of your first Year's ~~Years~~ labours in Jamaica is very interesting. I

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heartily pray that God may continue you in strength, both of body & soul, to labour in the same manner, for years to come. His care of your bodily health is a very special mercy, considering what you have had in former years to suffer. May it be not only a source of enjoyment to you, but serve also to quicken you in your labours; for health is never so profitably laid out, as in the service of Him, who gave his life for us. — The fact you mention of your congregations being so very fluctuating, & many persons in them spending their Sundays in going to distances, is the natural effect of their past state. Blessed be God that we can call it *past*. They now need localizing, fixing, socializing. The marriages taking place among them tend to this, in connexion with the preaching of the Gospel, more than any thing that can be possibly conceived. They will now have *homes*, such as they can both respect & love. Labour on, dear brother, in faith & prayer; & we shall yet see what shall gladden our hearts more & more.

Affectionately yours

Wm Jowett.

Rev. A.L. Dixon. Jan. 22/36.

Church Missionary House,
London, January 22nd 1836.

Dear Brother Dixon,

While congratulating Mr Seddon, & the now-Mrs Seddon, (as I suppose,) I have at the same time to condole with you & Mrs Dixon on the severe trial which she in particular has been called to endure. I earnestly hope that ~~th~~ her own health has been sustained; though I am aware that she must have had much to suffer in her circumstances at sea. Probably, though the loss is keenly felt, there *may* be seen in it some mingled mercy, as both she & you will enter on your Missionary labours somewhat more freely, than if you had had at the very outset a little infant, & *that* possibly a sickly one, in charge. It is well not to overlook alleviating considerations in our severest trials.

I remember that you are a good writer of a Journal: let us be favoured with proofs of this from Jamaica. We long to hear of the Congregations & Schools about you. May it be an abundant seed-time with you, to be followed by a yet more abundant harvest!

f2. Jan. 22/36. Rev. C. L. F. Haensel

Believe me, with kind Christian regards
to Mrs Dixon, yours very truly,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
January 22nd 1836.

Dear Brother Haensel,

It gave us all most unfeigned joy to hear of the safe arrival of yourself, & the rest of the Missionary band, in Jamaica. So now you have once more cast anchor. May you discern that it is God's will, (if his will it be,) that you should now joyfully, successfully & uninterruptedly pursue the good work before you. It is indeed, a good & a great work; but, like all others, it has its seed-time. What I should chiefly feel inclined to say to you is, Be not discouraged. You found out afterwards that those little fellows at Fourah Bay loved you better than you thought. Let us be well assured that we never spend kind affections for nothing: they are not thrown away, even when they seem to meet with an ungrateful return. They are first bestowed on us by our God & Saviour himself: He then gives us the Spirit freely to disburse them: they keep up a commerce of love, in which Angels & Holy Spirits

above, & saints on earth, all share: they share their commerce, also, who are not yet in grace, but who shall be. So that nothing is lost; & if children of perdition reject our love, it returns into our own bosom. Keep up then this holy & blessed commerce of gracious affections. Believe me, dear [illegible], faithfully & affecly yours
(sd) Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, January 22nd 1836.

Dear Brother May,

You see now the Missionary family in Jamaica from time to time increasing, and your heart, I doubt not, is gladdened at the sight. Still, "what are these among so many?" — is probably often on your lips. But you see, if you regularly read the C. M. Record, what claims press in from all quarters: so that, proportionally, we may consider Jamaica as fairly supplied. What will most be wanted, will be the lively preaching of the Word, & the working out of the system of Schoolmasters & Catechists. In every Sermon you preach, aim at the heart. Give good Bible-matter in abundance; histories, doctrines, precepts, examples, experimental & devotional parts; but, in all, aim at the consciences of your hearers. Let them see that you are determined, by God's assistance, to give them no rest,

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till Christ is not only preached to them, but formed in them. A sluggish, formal, stiff kind of preaching is good nowhere; but in Jamaica, I am sure, it will do no good. I trust you are not likely to fall into that style. From the heart to the heart, is the great rule; crowning all with fervent prayer, & watchful pastoral laboriousness.

With my kind remembrances to Mrs Moore,
I remain, Yours very truly,
Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House, London,
January 22nd 1836.

Dear Brother Moore,

When you embarked for Jamaica, I was out of Town, or I should have been happy to see you, & give you an encouraging word at your departure. What I could not do then, let me do now. God be with you, & bless you, both in body & soul, that you may save yourself & them that hear you, by constantly living near to Christ, & bringing other wandering souls to the same gracious Saviour! — It is a very solemn thing to enter, for a second time, on Missionary labours. Former vows, some kept, some alas! broken, are brought

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to our remembrance; new pardon sought for; new resolutions entered on; but, with this difference, as I have felt, & as you I trust, now feel; that whereas before, we set out acknowledging our weakness, now we more deeply feel & know it. But be of good cheer. "My grace" saith Christ, "is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made "perfect in weakness." We shall be anxious to hear from you as soon as you are settled at a Station, & to know how the work of the Lord is prospering in your hands. Commending you to Him,

I remain, Yours most truly,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, January 22nd 1836.

Dear Mr Seddon,

We rejoice with you, having heard of the safe arrival of the Missionary party, in the arrival of one member of which you were more especially interested. May your union be in the Lord! It is a good rule, at setting out in life, not to expect too much; though it is a rule which young people find it hard to keep. So time, however, that is learnt, which is not apprehended at first. The various trials & providential visitations we meet with, & of which you & yours will no doubt, (if children of God,) in due season partake, are sent to undeceive us with regard to this world, & to quicken our desires after a better. This is rather a serious sentence for a newly married couple; but as it is meant in kindness, it will no doubt be so taken, & will never be altogether ill-timed.

I remain, very truly yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House
London, February 1. 1836.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 21st ult. by the Rev. J. F. Sessing no communication from the Mission has reached us.

2. We now write chiefly for the purpose of transmitting a Duplicate of our last Letter as it contains matter of which it is desirable that you should be put in possession with as little delay as may be, and the Packet will probably arrive out before Mr Sessing.

3. We doubt the propriety of our Missionaries becoming ministerially connected with Parochial Chapels; but have not yet had an opportunity of referring to the Committee on the subject. Unless the Chapels in which the ministerial labours of the Missionary are carried on are the property of the Society and vested in Trustees of the Committee's appointment, our operations would, we apprehend, be liable to be impeded and comprehensive

plans broken in upon or frustrated.

4. We trust the Corr. Com^ee will take care that the Revd W. K. Betts's health is not risked by the state of his house. It would be very desirable to obtain for the Society a piece of ground at Knockalva for the Missionary's Dwelling-House and a Chapel in order to the permanency of our position at that important station.

5. The Resolution of our Committee to which you refer respecting a Missionary's return home, after six years residence at his station, applies _exclusively_ to the West Africa Mission. It consequently has no bearing on Mr Stearne's case. We have no doubt however that the Committee would approve of Mr Stearne's return home for the benefit of his health should the Corr. Com^ee think fit that he should do so on the ground of the particular circumstances of his case.

We remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House
London, February 1 1836

My dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st ult. of which a Duplicate is enclosed the only communication which has reached us from British Guiana is a Letter from Mr Spooner of Nov. 25/35.

2. My immediate object in writing now, is to state that the communications with Government referred to in Par. 4. of my last Letter have been brought to a close, and that they have resulted in the erection of two School-Houses in your Parish as originally contemplated. You are however to draw upon me for the Government proportion of the expense (two thirds) instead of drawing upon

the Local Government, the money being paid to us by the Government here. You will have the kindness to bear in mind that the erection of the two School-Houses must on no account exceed £500 St^g, and that it is the earnest wish of the Com^ee that they should be erected for a less sum if possible consistently with their being really substantial buildings and of a size sufficient to receive the enfranchised local population which can conveniently have access to them.

3. A separate account must be kept of the expense of erecting the School Houses. This account should be very full and accurate to enable the Com^ee to give to His Majesty's Government any information which they may require on the subject.

4. It is the view of the Com^ee that the School-Houses should be erected at the places respectively where Messrs Carter & Spencer are situated and that they should be the Masters of the Schools to be carried on in them.

5. We have not yet had an opportunity of bringing under the consideration of the Com^ee the communications acknowledged in my last Letter.

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. Messrs Eckel & Muhlhauser

Church Missionary House

London, February 1. 1836

Dear Brethren,

1. We trust this Letter will find you safely arrived at your station.

2. Our immediate object in writing at present is to apprize you that you are to draw upon us for the Government proportion (two thirds) of the expense of the erection of the two School-Houses referred to in Par: 2 of our Letter of Dec. 12/35 instead of receiving the amount from the Local Government

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Rev. J. H. Bernau. Feb 1/36.

3. You will bear in mind that the cost of the two School Houses must on no account exceed £500 Sterling, and that they should be erected at a less cost if possible, consistently with their being really substantial buildings and of dimensions sufficient to receive the local apprentice population which can conveniently have access to them. A separate account must be kept of the cost of the erection of the School-Houses. This account must be full and exact that the Committee may, if called upon, be able to give His Majesty's Government any information which they may require on the subject.

4. You may possibly find it convenient to erect immediately only one of the School-Houses. At all events it will be desirable that you should not erect the second till you are in a situation to give it in charge to an efficient School-Master.

Praying that you may be guided in all your steps in the whole of your proceedings in your new and possibly difficult circumstances and that you may largely experience the Divine Blessing in your own souls and upon your labours,

We remain,

Dear Brethren,

Truly & affectionately yours

D. Coates

Sec. C. M. S.

Church Missionary House

London, February 1 1836.

Dear Brother Bernau,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Dec. 29/35, of which a Duplicate is enclosed no communication from you has reached us.

2. We now write to state that our renewed discussions with the Colonial Office are brought to a close and the erection of two School-Houses sanctioned for the [illegible] District as stated in Par. 3. of our Letter of Nov. 30/35 only that instead of

drawing on the Governor of the Colony for the Government portion (two thirds) of the expense you will draw on me for the whole, the Government proportion being paid to us here.

3. You will have the kindness to bear in mind that the total cost of the two School-Houses must on no account exceed £500 St., and that if practicable the School-Houses, of sufficient dimensions for the enfranchised population of the District which can have convenient access to them, may be erected for less than £500.

4. It will be requisite that you should keep a separate account of the expenditure for the erection of the School-Houses. This account should be very full and accurate so that the Committee may be able if called upon to give exact information to His Majesty's Government on the subject.

5. Possibly you may deem it advisable to erect immediately only one of the School-Houses. At all events the second should not be erected till you are in a situation to place it in charge of an efficient School Master.

With kind regards to Mrs. Bernau,

I remain,

Dear Brother,

Truly & affectionately yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House,

March 14. 1836.

My Dear Sir,

1. We enclose a duplicate of our last Letter of the 1st ult.o. No communication from you has reached us since that was despatched.

2. Since the date of our last Letter your communications respecting the Indian Mission, and those received from Mess.rs Armstrong & Youd, have been carefully considered by the Com-

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mittee. The result of their deliberations is comprised in a series of Resolutions adopted on the 25th ult., of which a copy is enclosed.

3. The Committee have been much pained by the tone of Mr. Armstrong's Letters bygone, to the Corr. Comee., & to themselves, and also by the spirit by which they consider those Letters to be characterized. They wish ever to promote the most unreserved communication on the part of all persons connected with the Society, both with themselves & with those who kindly act for them in the different Missions; but they have a right to expect that the communications of Missionaries should always be written in a strain suitable at once to their own character and to that of the party whom they address. This is perfectly consistent with the fullest expression of their own views on any point on which a difference of opinion may unhappily arise between themselves and the Parent or Local Comee. The Committee therefore observe with much regret that Mr. Armstrong has been betrayed into a spirit & tone in the communications before them very unsuitable, they conceive, to his profession as a Religious Teacher, and altogether unnecessary in advancing or maintaining his sentiments on the questions to which they refer. Under this view of the case they feel constrained to suspend their sanction of Mr. Armstrong's being presented to the Lord Bishop of Barbadoes as a Candidate for Holy Orders till he shall evince such a spirit & conduct as would warrant them to take a step so serious & responsible concerning him. The Comee. therefore desire that Mr. Armstrong will not prosecute his entrance into Holy Orders, nor hereafter enter into correspondence with the Bishop of Barbadoes on that subject, till he has received the sanction of the Parent Comee. through the Corr. Comee. to do so.

4. The Committee adverting to the tenor of Mr. Armstrong's Letters have judged it necessary also to enjoin upon him a compliance with the directions of the Corr. Comee., and a respectful demeanour in all his communications to them. This is uniformly expected from all persons connected with the Society in those Missions where a Corr. Comee. is formed, and is indeed not to be dis

to the Individual himself as a Christian man & a religious Teacher, than to the Body with which he is thus connected. It is however to be understood that the Missionary is at liberty to refer to the decision of the Parent Com.ee any question on which a difference of opinion may arise between them & the Cor. Com.ee, which they cannot adjust by communication among themselves. The Parent Com.ee, however, expect that the directions of the Cor. Com.ee should be followed pending any such reference home.

5. Another point on which it is requisite that the Missionaries connected with the Society in Demerara & the Indian Mission should be acquainted with the views of the Parent Com.ee is, the mode in which their communications should be addressed to them, now a Corresp.g Com.ee is formed. It is that those communications should be transmitted to the Parent Com.ee through the Cor. Com.ee unsealed. As the Cor. Com.ee are charged by the Parent Com.ee with the local administration of the affairs of the Mission, it is requisite, in order to the due discharge of the duties devolving upon them, that the Cor. Com.ee should be informed of the communications made to the Parent Com.ee by the Missionaries as well as of those received from the Parent Committee. The Missionaries, however, will be at liberty to address the Secretaries direct on any private matter they may wish to refer to them.

6. Now we are thus led to touch upon the relations between the Missionaries & the Corr. Com.ee it may be proper to observe that while the Parent Com.ee, as stated above, place the Missionaries under the direction of the Cor. Com.ee, & require them to treat that body with deference & respect, they are extremely solicitous that the Cor. Com.ee should, on their part, conduct their proceedings with that consideration, forbearance, & tenderness, which are due to Individuals occupying the stations of Christian Missionaries, & by which their operations may be facilitated & rendered efficient, and their own minds encouraged & comforted in the discharge of duties, many [illegible] very self denying & difficult. The Com.ee have found by experience that bodies of this kind, acting authoritatively on the part of the Parent Com.ee, and

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as "fellow helpers" to the Missionaries in bringing sinners to Christ that they may be saved, are of great advantage to the Society and to the Mission with which such bodies are connected. The Corr. Com^{ee} possesses a fulness of local information far superior to that of the Parent Com^{ee}, and are consequently better able to advise & direct respecting matters of a local nature concerning the Mission, than the Parent Com^{ee} can be. They are also by their position enabled on an emergency to act with a promptitude, which may be of great importance on particular occasions, and in reference to which the Missionary may find it a great comfort to be relieved from the responsibility. In this respect indeed we have frequently received from Missionaries strong expressions of their satisfaction in having a Cor. Com^{ee} at hand to whom they could refer for counsel, & on whom they might devolve the responsibility of extraordinary measures called for by the exigency of circumstances. Not less important is the advantage to the Missionary of having at hand a body of Christian men in whose judgment & christian sympathy he can place confidence, & to whom he can at once refer on many points materially affecting his own welfare & that of the Mission, though not precisely matters of business. In order, however, that such results should follow from the agency of a Corr. Com^{ee} it is obvious that it must possess the confidence of the Missionary. To the gaining & securing that confidence, on which the usefulness of such a Committee to the Society & to the Missionaries mainly depends, a course of conduct calculated to conciliate & foster it, is indispensable on the part of the Corr. Com^{ee}. This being the pivot on which the efficiency of the Corr. Com^{ee} turns we trust that we shall be excused for the foregoing suggestions on the subject. We may add, that though it is part of the business of a Corr. Com^{ee} to act with promptitude on any emergency, as above suggested, the Parent Com^{ee} do not wish that any measure of importance should be decided upon by the Corr. Com^{ee} without a reference to them, whenever the nature of the case admits of such a reference being made. It

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is moreover to be borne in mind that the Corr. Comm. is not an ecclesiastical body, and that it is requisite therefore that they should abstain from all acts of an ecclesiastical nature. All other matters, however, which are not strictly of an ecclesiastical nature, & consequently within the province of the Bishop or other constituted ecclesiastical authority, devolve upon the Corr. Comm., & are to be retained entirely under their direction and control.

7. The second Resolution refers to Mr. Armstrong's statements relative to buildings, especially his own house. These statements have left an impression on the minds of the Committee that Mr. Armstrong has manifested undue solicitude in this respect, tending to unnecessary expense and to the withdrawing him off from duly prosecuting his Missionary labours. They are inclined too to think, that the site fixed upon by him for his own residence is an ineligible one. Under these views, while they are desirous that all necessary provision should be made for the health of a Missionary with respect to his residence, they deem it requisite to refer it entirely to the Corr. Comm. to determine what buildings shall be erected & on what sites they shall be placed. The regulation of the whole expenditure of the Mission is to be regarded as within the province of the Corr. Comm. This is, indeed, one of the principal matters which a Corr. Comm. has to attend to; as it is one in which, from their relative situation, they can render most effectual assistance to the Parent Committee. And of all parts of our expenditure that connected with the erection & maintenance of buildings is one which presses most heavily on the Society's funds, and which stands in especial need of vigilant & intelligent local direction & control. The Comm. therefore, as you will perceive by the 6th Resolution, strongly press on the Corr. Comm. the utmost economy under this head that is consistent with providing such plain and substantial buildings as are really necessary for the purposes of the Mission.

8. The fifth Resolution refers to the refusal of Messrs. Arm-

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strong & Youd to furnish copies of the Rev. L. Strong's Letters to them which had been called for by the Corr. Comm^ee. The Comm^ee are much concerned that they should have withheld copies of these Letters as the production of them was necessary to enable the Comm^ee to form their judgment on a matter of business before them. It appears that Messrs. Armstrong & Youd had complained of the manner in which you carried on your correspondence with them. The production of the Letters therefore on which the complaint was grounded was the obvious means of placing the Comm^ee in a situation to decide aright on the validity of the charge. The course which they took is the more to be regretted as it leads almost unavoidably to the inference that the Letters, if laid before the Corr. Comm^ee, would not have borne out the charge which they founded upon them. We recommend, however, that in future the Corr. Comm^ee should send copies of the Letters addressed to the Missionaries, that they may at once refer to them whenever they have occasion to do.

9. The third Resolution relating to ministering to the temporal support of the Indians at Bartica Point, so fully expresses the views of the Comm^ee on that subject that little need be added. It will be seen that the Comm^ee do not object to a small & occasional expenditure in aid of the temporal support of the Indians, to dispose & enable them to settle in the neighbourhood of the Missionaries. This expenditure the Comm^ee are willing to incur with a view to bring the Indians under religious instruction, and thus, if it please God to bless the means employed, to promote their spiritual profit. They are the more disposed to sanction such an administering to the temporal wants of the Indians since it tends, in connexion with the means to be employed at the same time to impart to them the grace of the Gospel, to promote their permanently settling in villages, & providing for themselves by the cultivation of the soil. This the Comm^ee conceive to be essential, under the divine blessing, in order permanently to benefit them, since their present migratory and erratic habits seem to preclude them from duly profiting by the instruction given them. The Comm^ee are at the same time aware that

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much caution will be called for on the part of the Missionaries, and a vigilant superintendence exist on the part of the Corr. Comee, to prevent this head of expenditure exceeding its due limits. It will also be the duty of the Missionaries earnestly to impress on the Indians the scriptural obligation to maintain themselves by their own industry as soon as practicable.

10. The fourth Resolution recommends that the Salaries of all persons connected with the Mission should be fixed in the local currency. The ground of this recommendation is, that such currency bears a more fixed relation to the cost of the articles on which salary is to be expended, than sterling money, which is constantly liable to be affected by the fluctuations of exchange. As the Corr. Comee will draw for the whole expenses of the Mission in sterling, it is conceived that this arrangement may be carried into effect without any inconvenience. The Corr. Comee will have the kindness always to state in their Bills the rate of exchange at which they are drawn.

11. We beg to suggest that a copy of the Resolutions now transmitted and of Paras 3 & 7-10 of this Letter should be communicated to the Missionaries by the Corr. Comee that they may clearly understand the decision and views of the Committee on the various matters to which they refer.

12. The reference of the Corr. Comee relative to the employment of Mr. Wm. Youd is superseded by his death. We may remark however that we see no reason to decline employing a moral, intelligent, & steady young man, as a Schoolmaster, under the direction & constant superintendence of a Missionary, where a person of more confirmed religious character cannot be obtained.

13. The Corr. Comee are aware that Mr. Youd had, with the sanction of the Comee, contemplated the formation of a matrimonial union with a lady of the name of Davies. We have again communicated with Miss Davies through the Rev. J.

Tattershall; I have just learned from him that he declines his proposal. By the Regulations of the Society a Missionary is at liberty to return home with a view to marry after two or three years' residence at his Station. Mr. Y. therefore having served the stipulated period in Guiana may visit England for the object just referred to, should he deem it advisable to do so. In this case it will be requisite that Mr. Y. should do it in communication with the Corr. Com.ee, that the best arrangements which the case admits may be made to obviate the inconvenience to the Mission which must be unavoidably occasioned by his absence.

16. We perceive from the Minutes of the Corr. Com.ee of Dec. 17/35 that they declined to apply to the Governor to license Mr. Wm. Armstrong as a Schoolmaster. The only reason assigned is, that Mr. A. is not in the employment of the Society. Should the Corr. Com.ee however consider him competent to act in that capacity and conceive that he could be advantageously employed in the Mission we see no objection to his services being engaged for that purpose.

We remain,
My dear Sir,
Very truly yours,

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Mr. John Armstrong.

Church Missionary House, London,
March 15th 1836.

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I felt anxious, that our present [illegible] should not go out for Demerara, without a few lines from me, which may help, as, I pray God, they may — in settling your mind to them. They will appear to you strong ones, indeed, they are, and inevitably were designed to be so, for the Committee could not do otherwise than feel pained by the tone & spirit of your late communications. But as you have in one passage alluded to the fatherly conduct of the Secretaries at home, I will avail myself of that relation in which you place me, & beg to press upon you a few words of affectionate remonstrance.

It is not difficult to me to imagine, that on your return to your station where in former years you were the almost sole labourer — (for Mr Carter was elsewhere, though a helper, generally, in that Mission) — you would gradually perceive that things had been assuming a new appearance, during your long absence. There were new persons, new plans, new places; &, not long after your arrival, a new body, the Corresponding Committee. The eye might soon see these things; when therefore I say "gradually perceive," I mean that your mind would only gradually apprehend the tendencies of all these steps in advance; nor would you be quick in apprehending how reluctant the mind of a man of a few years' experience would be, in fitting itself to new circumstances prepared for it without its own co-operation. Thus a new state of experience has opened upon you, without a corresponding preparedness of heart in yourself; & the consequence has been that your feelings have hurried forward, & sober, wise, accommodating judgment has really lagged behind. In this, & in the severe & suspicious manner with which you view the Corr. Committee, you are, my dear friend, much to be blamed: for in all affairs of the world & of the Church, a wise man should be quick in accommodating himself to new circumstances: but a Missionary especially so. — And I cannot help adding, my dear friend, that I think you have not been in this matter sufficiently aware of your own particular besetting sin, & the infirmity of your temper. I will use such a fatherly plainness, as to appeal to your own judgment, whether a certain degree of self-confidence, & self-will, does not enter into your temperament. Perhaps you have never sufficiently known or lamented this; perhaps you have deeply deplored it: yet, O let us remember with ever-deepening grief, how nature returns, & how the Enemy gets advantages over us. It is almost always found that in new circumstances, the Enemy gets some advantage over us. — Now if you see this to have been your case, I entreat you not to be offended with me when I recommend self-humbling, & not to count me an enemy because I tell you the truth, & as at least endeavour with great plainness of speech to lead your own mind to discover it.

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With regard to your remarks on the Cor. Committee, they were so sweeping & vague, that they failed in conveying any other idea to my mind, excepting that I see in you dissatisfaction & discontent. I hope we may not have again to read such remarks. With respect to every Missionary Committee, it is indeed earnestly to be desired that all the Members of them may be men of God: yet there will be varying shades of character in every one. The wisdom of a Missionary, who labours under them, is not to allow his mind to dwell on these characteristics, but to make the best of every thing. Moreover, you ought to have reflected that a New Committee must of necessity have great difficulties; & these can only be overcome by a course of a fair measure of [illegible] & [illegible]. You see, brother, how plainly I speak to you: I believe you know me to be a plain-spoken man; & it is my earnest wish, with a kind yet firm hand, to assist in setting you right & steady. Be careful how you speak or write ill of persons; & to this end, be careful how you think ill of them. Labour to the uttermost: guard against every kind of self-indulgence, in all your personal, domestic, & Missionary relations. We shall rejoice to hear of your schools, travels, and preachings: these are what make a Missionary's letters valuable. In these things he is pleasing to God, & acceptable unto man.

Remember me kindly to your wife. I was favoured with the perusal of her letter to her brother, & was greatly pleased with the affectionate & faithful feeling towards him. May I ask her to congratulate you, & also counsel you to take counsel with her, & pray much with her? I used to find that my wife used to help me in bearing troubles; [illegible] as an [illegible] adviser. — Believe me, dear Mr Armstrong, Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) Wm Jowett.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House
March 31. 1836.

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you under date of the 1st ult., and have now to acknowledge the following communications from you:—

Your Letter, without date.
J. King Esqr's Letters, Jan. 9/36, Feb. 11 & 27/36.
Report of the Aux. C.M. for 1835.
Statement of Rev. Messrs. Betts & Mansel.
Rev. W. K. Betts' Letter, Jan. 16/36.
Mr W. Mearns's Letter, Dec. 23/35.

Mr. Seddon's Letters Dec. 28/35, Jan. 4/36, & two of Feb. 8/36,
Mr. J. Paul's Letter, Jan. 20/36,
Mr. J. Pollitt's Letter, Feb. 11/36,
Rev. J. M. Thew's Letter, Feb./36.

2. The Rev. J. M. Thew's Letter respecting the admission of Missionaries to membership of the Corr. Comee. has been submitted to the consideration of the Committee. Their decision is contained in the Resolution copied below. It turns on the very obvious principle referred to in the Resolution, that it being the province of the Corr. Comee. to superintend and direct the affairs of the Mission it would be inconsistent with that object that the Missionaries themselves should be members of the governing body. The Comee. at the same time are very desirous that every degree of considera-tion & respect should be shown by the Corr. Comee. to the judgment & feelings of the Missionaries, in administering the affairs of the Mission. This course is not less called for in order to enable the Corr. Comee. to discharge their duties with intelligence & efficiency, than to conciliate the confidence of the Missionaries and promote a good state of feeling between themselves and the Mission-aries and their harmonious cooperation. All this the Committee conceive may be secured in the way suggested in the Resolution, viz: by inviting from time to time the attendance of any one or more of the Missionaries as visitor or visitors at the Meetings of the Corr. Comee. In this way all the advantages to be derived from the information and suggestions of the Missionaries may be gained, and free and confidential communication with them promoted with-out violating the fundamental principle on which the Corr. Comee. is formed. We repeat, however, that while authority in the af-fairs of the Mission is thus reserved exclusively to the Corr. Comee. every thing possible should be done on their part to render the working of the Mission easy and satisfactory to the Missionaries and subservient to the effectual carrying on of the work.

3. Have the kindness to apprise Mr. Seddon that agreeably to his request, we have remitted £10 to his Father. The remittance was made through the Rev. W. Marsh. The amount is charged to Mr. Seddon's private account and we request he will repay it to the Corr. Comee.

4. We were thankful to learn that Messrs: Paul, Pollit, Holt, & Newman had safely reached their destination & entered on their labours. We pray that an abundant blessing may rest on them and on the important work in which they are engaged.

5. Have the kindness to acquaint Mr King that the following Bills have been presented on account of the Mission since those particularized in Par. 3 of our Letter to him of Jan. 20/36.

Jan. 9/36, J. King, Esq... £300: Feb. 9/36, J. King, Esq... £200.

6. In a Letter which we received from Rev. W. Betts under date of Jan. 16/36, it appears that he had raised with the Bishop's Commissary the question whether he could legally administer the Lord's Supper at Knockalva. We think it is to be regretted that while Mr Betts continued in the practice unmolested, which we assume to be the case, that he raised any question with the Authorities on the subject; as we can easily conceive that they might be willing to allow the practice without interruption, though when formally brought ~~before~~ to their notice they could not expressly sanction it. As however it may eventually be necessary for the Committee to take up the question, for they certainly would not sanction the employment of a Clergyman under circumstances to preclude his administering either Sacrament, we request the Corr. Com^ee. will transmit to us an exact copy of Mr Betts' Licence from the Bishop, or his Commissary. Should the Building in which he officiates be licenced please to transmit a copy of that Instrument also. We would also repeat a request, formerly made, that the Com^ee. will always forward to us immediately, a copy of every official ecclesiastical document addressed to themselves, the Missionaries, or the Catechists, or which, though not so addressed ~~must~~ may bear upon the Society's proceedings in Jamaica.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very Truly Yours,

D. Coates

Sec. CMS.

192. March 31/36. Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House,
March 31. 1836.

Rev. L. Strong

My dear Sir,—

1. We enclose a duplicate of our Letter of the 16th Inst. by Packet, with the Resolutions it covered. Since it was despatched we have received that of the Corr. Com. of Jan. 15/36, transmitting one from Mr. Armstrong to themselves, dated the 5th of that month.

2. We sincerely regret that the Corr. Comm. should have experienced from Mr. Armstrong treatment so inconsistent with his relation to them as well as with his character as a Christian man. We trust, however, that the Corr. Comm. will be of opinion that the Committee here had fully met the case previously to their receiving the Corr. Comm.'s representation on the subject. Under these circumstances we earnestly entreat the Corr. Comm. to resume their duties in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission. They will perceive in our last communications that the Parent Committee are fully prepared to sustain them in the discharge of those duties, and all that has occurred only seems to prove how advantageous the intervention of such a body is in the administration of the Society's affairs in the Mission. We shall therefore venture to conclude that the Corr. Comm. will kindly continue their friendly offices in furtherance of the Society's objects in Demerara.

With kind regards to all the Members of the Corr. Comm.;

We remain,
My dear Sir,
Very truly yours,

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. J. M. Trew. Mar. 31/

Private.

Rev. J. M. Trew

Church Missionary House,
March 31. 1836.

Dear Sir,

1. I was duly favoured with your private letter of Feby. You will find from my official Letter to the Rev. S. Reeder of yesterday's date that the Committee did not consider themselves at liberty to accede to the Corr. Committee's proposal that the Missionaries should be eligible to membership of the Corr. Comm. The situation of the respective ~~parties~~ — renders the Missionaries introduction into the Corr. Comm. impracticable. We think however that their attendance, as Visitors, when their presence is considered desirable, will substantially meet the case. This is the course pursued in other Missions where a Corr. Comm. is formed. I much regret that the Missionaries should have been misinformed as to their membership of the Corr. Comm. The Rev. W. Mowe, however, must be aware that the course decided with regard to Jamaica is that pursued at Calcutta.

2. I am surprised at your intimating that the Rev. C. L. F. Haensel feels hurt at not being a Member of the Corr. Comm. In Sierra Leone,— where we have no Corr. Comm. and the Mission is therefore locally governed by a Comm. of Missionaries themselves,— Mr. H. considered his membership of that Body to be a serious interference with his Missionary duties, and strenuously urged the Committee to exonerate him from attendance on the Missionary Committee. Indeed he considered membership of the Missionary Comm. as a heavy grievance; and when the Jamaica Mission and his present post were proposed to him, I understood him to condition that he should have nothing to do with duties of that kind. We fully appreciate Mr. Haensel's competency for the duties which devolve on the members of the Corr. Comm., and of which indeed we had abundant proof during his residence at Sierra Leone; but we are of opinion that in his case, he could not be a member of the Corr. Comm. without an injurious interruption of his particular duties, even did not the general

principles, already adverted to, preclude his membership. I may here remark in general that I attach such very high importance to the successful prosecution of the object confided to Mr. [illegible] — that of being a Teacher of Teachers — and his peculiar qualifications for the office, that I am most solicitous that on the one hand nothing whatever should be imposed upon him which would prevent him from giving himself wholly to that object, and on the other that every possible aid and facility should be afforded to him in prosecuting it.

3. The Jamaica Report for 1837 is just come to hand. I fear that the functions of the Auxiliary Comee. & the Corr. Comee. are mingled in a way that, if not corrected, may in the event lead to serious inconvenience. In our Letter to the Rev. R. Panton of Jan 15/35, Par. 10, we explained the necessity of keeping the two bodies entirely distinct, and explained the functions of each. We fear that in forming "the Rules" of the Jamaica Auxy. C. M. S. our views on this point were not attended to; otherwise Rule 7th, incorporating the Corr. Comee. as an integral part of the Aux. Society, would not have found a place. We conceive it essential that these bodies should be quite distinct, with separate organization, officers, rules, minutes, & reports. Though, however, the bodies should be thus distinct, and their arrangements & operations also, there can be no objection to the members & officers of the Corr. Comee. being members of the Comee. of the Auxy. Society and holding office in it. The great point to be secured is, that the bodies and their operations should be entirely distinct and separate, and that no Individual should be introduced into the Corr. Comee. who is not a man of confirmed piety, concurring in his views of divine truth with the Parent Comee., of soundness of judgment, and a man of peace. Your present Report is that which ought to have formed the Report of the Corr. Comee., while it contains little or nothing proper to an Auxiliary Society whose chief business it is to raise funds in a given locality, and transmit the amount after the payment of incidental expenses to the general fund of the Parent Society. I enclose a copy of the printed Form of Regulations, &c.

for an affiliated Association at home, which, exchanging the word Association for Auxiliary, describe the organization & functions of such an Institution. I wrote to you on this subject in a separate Letter that you may confer with our friends upon it; in order that they may amend, remodel in their present constitution, which I have referred to, in the manner which they may find most convenient to themselves.

We rejoice in the favorable prospects which, through the blessing of God, are now presented for the diffusion of the Gospel among the Apprentice population, and for the success with which the means hitherto employed on their behalf have been crowned. We strongly feel the need of a Clergyman to take the office of Secretary of the Cor. Comee., who is neither a Missionary nor charged with stated ministerial duties. A hint has been given us that Mr. Panton might not be unwilling to accept the office for a year as an experiment. We should be glad to know whether such an arrangement would be acceptable to him. In the mean time could not you take the Secretaryship jointly with Mr. Panton? Pray do if you can. We are a good deal disappointed just now at not receiving answers to our Letters & information of what has been done and is doing. This I know is not Mr. Panton's fault; but the result nevertheless subjects us to inconvenience.

I remain, dear Sir
Very Truly Yours,
D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
April 16th 1836.

Rev. L. Strong

My Dear Sir,

No communication from you has reached us since the despatch of our Letter of March 30/36, of which a Duplicate is enclosed.

I only write now to forward the Invoice & Bill of Lading of a small Shipment by the "Lucretia" Capt. Muirhead, which takes this. It contains the usual publications to the present date; some School books for Mr. Yond, &c.

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House, London,
April 14th 1836.

Dear Mr. Yond,

The Official Letter of last month would make you acquainted that the affair with Miss Davies was closed. I sincerely hope that you may have grace to learn from this result some useful lesson. Of course, it is neither expedient nor necessary that I should enlarge on the subject; yet I think you could not fail to have inferred from the tenor of my former communication on this matter, that I had fears there might be some fault on your part. Still, I do not judge: I only take the opportunity of affectionately & seriously counselling you, that if, in the Providence of God, you should be looking towards a like match, you would lay close to your heart a sense of the deep responsibility of married life. What I would say to you, &

to ask no blessing, would be, [illegible] the blessing, & neglect the duty. Study in Scripture what a truly holy marriage is; & seek for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in your choice. There is no step in life, in which most persons are so ready to run in their own strength, & in which they so much need to renounce self-will & to commit themselves to God. May He be your guide!

Your affliction in the death of your [illegible] was painful: but the Lord's ways are not our ways. May such events hasten us in our course, both to make our own calling & election sure, & also while we have opportunity to do good to all; earnestly seeking their salvation, as well as our own.

You say truly at the close of your Letter, that "peace is happiness": may you have grace to seek peace & ensue it. And let us remember that our Lord puts before peace, the having "salt in ourselves." Mark 9:50.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely,
Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House, London,
April 14th 1836.

Dear Mr. Carter,

I am glad to see, from your letter of January 2nd last, that you have so near a prospect of settled & permanent labours for hitherto circumstances have moved you about more than might be wished. And though, as you remark, & as I trust has been the case you have had the presence of God with you continually, yet one plan, happily begun & followed up, is generally productive of far greater benefit than a variety of plans. There will be one especial advantage, which I should think every Christian Labourer would not fail to derive from perseverance in the same place; namely, that he acquires a knowledge of the people, & the children, among whom he labours. They also acquire a confidence in him, & an attachment to him. — You mention instances of young persons under your charge, who pray in secret: the cases were very simple & touching; but when you are more intimately with them, you will be able to lead them on with greater interest & more particular [illegible]

M. C. Carter. April 16/36.
Rev. J. H. Bernau, April 19/36.

The young peculiarly need this: & so do all young converts. Indeed, a Mission is like a corn-field which needs the care of the husbandman every day, from the ploughing, (2a) harrowing sowing time to the very last day of the harvest. It does, indeed, very often happen in the Missionary work that one soweth & another reapeth; but if they both perform their parts heartily, as unto the Lord, both will in the end rejoice together.

Let us then, dear friend, hear more particulars of what God is working in the hearts of the young, through your labours: & while you water them, may you be watered yourself!

I remain, very sincerely yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
April 19th 1836.

Dear Brother Bernau,

Your Letters & Journals have duly reached us, & I can heartily rejoice with you in all your domestic mercies, & in all the blessings that attend your Missionary work. May the little one, on which you & Mrs Bernau look with so much fondness & delight prove in every sense a blessing yours: this will be the case, undoubtedly, if you offer up your child in prayer, with thanksgiving, to Him whose we are, & in whose hands our breath is. It is a very serious charge, to have the interests of the soul, as well as the bodily welfare, of a young child mainly depending upon ourselves as parents. You cannot too soon begin to feel this: pray from the very first: and though you may not for some time to come see your prayers answered, not seeing grace, or even reason very soon developed — (for all things, even the works of God, take time) — yet you may yourselves be getting ready, & preparing for the high duties that await you. I have remarked that some pious parents glide into a formal & almost worldly spirit; and, as they gradually become overwhelmed with family cares, their spirituality of mind falls into jeopardy. Be watchful against this, beforehand: & may God preserve, quicken & bless you both, in all your domestic duties!

As to your relation to your neighbours, I cannot wonder that they should regard you as a strange sort of folk, that cannot sport, dance, & waste time in company as others, even some of the Clergy, may have been accustomed to do. But you have this consolation, at least: in abstaining from vain amusements, you are acting in the way which every pious Bishop must approve, & must openly commend: & you have the yet higher consolation of knowing that your course is well-pleasing in the sight of the Great Shepherd & Bishop of souls. — You speak of the wonderful neglect of the Doctrines of

Grace, manifested in many quarters. Wonderful, indeed, it is: for there are no other Doctrines that God ever did, or ever will, honour. They are "the power of God unto Salvation." I would suggest to you to preach them fully & Scripturally: I mean, supporting them by Scripture-proofs; for none can resist that Sword of the Spirit. When we construct a system of our own, its feebleness is sure to be felt, even though there may be much Truth mixed up in our System. But if a Preacher would take the Epistle to the Romans, or that to the Galatians, with him into the Pulpit, & with all his pastoral anxieties, learnedly yet simply, & with all the sweetness of personal humble holy experience, he may expect them to be blessed mightily. Take this hint, dear Brother, & with God's help, use it.

Yours affectionately, Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House, London,
April 25th 1836.

Dear Brother Muhlhauser,

Your Letter of Feb. 1. is now before me, & I would say you did well to write so fully & particularly from the beginning. It gives promise that you will continue to be a good Correspondent, which is most desirable & even essential in a Missionary: for while you request Instruction from us, it is necessary that we should know your circumstances, & all the morale of your position. We view you & your Missionary brother, now, as beginners. Not, indeed, such as the first disciples were, to whom Jesus said, Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: for there are circumstances of civil & ecclesiastical protection in your

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favour which they had not. But if, like them, you are faithful, & if the Spirit of God owns your labours by granting you success in drawing souls from darkness to light, & from the power of Satan unto God, be sure that Satan will endeavour to stir up the worlds' enmity against you. The offence of the Cross is not ceased. All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution; & they chiefly, who lead the way in godliness. Be ye, therefore, wise as serpents, & harmless as doves – is needful counsel to you, as well as the first disciples. I suppose, also, that you will have the more cause for watchfulness, prayer, & diligence, because there are, near to you & about you, so many of those prophesied of by St Paul; "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." A Christianity made up of a few true doctrines, & many false ones, accompanied with much pomp, high pretensions, & real conformity to the world – is the ruin of thousands & millions of souls. You, meanwhile, will preach Christ Crucified, & his Spirit the Sanctifier, & the "kingdom of God within", which none can understand, till spiritual discernment is given them. This will call for much prayer, & much faith on your part. But, be not cast down. Commit your cause to your Master; be you to Him a teachable disciple, & a faithful Teacher under Him.

Build on the Bible: build with the words of Truth & Love. He will not fail to bless you in due season, if you wait on Him.

I remain, Affectionately Yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
April 25th 1836.

Dear Brother Eckel,

We have not yet been favoured with any letter from you: but the communication of our Br. Mühlhäuser acquaints us with your proceedings together, up to your arrival in Barbados, & some days after. I hope there may be some letter on its way from you: we need to know all your circumstances, & your feelings also; that we may understand how to sympathise, to counsel, & to pray on your behalf. Indeed, I sometimes think that I have a pretty clear notion of your state in Trinidad; its chief features may probably be such as I was once for a long time conversant with in Malta. Where the light of the Bible is withheld, men walk on still in darkness. You will probably look around you, & ask, Where are there any enlightened, & converted souls, with whom I may hold communion? — I hope you may find some such: I hope & pray that you may be the means of adding to their number. This is your office: & till they are raised up, wait humbly though in sadness; labour faithfully, though appar with small fruit; still remember that the gracious eye of the Saviour is on you for good, & that He knows what He will do with you, & through you, though you know it not.

Especially aim at maintaining brotherly love & communion with your Missionary fellow-labourers. Pray together; consult together; bear one another's burdens, & so fulfil the law of Christ. Much depends on this. The Romish Church talks of unity: may you & your brethren in this work exhibit a true unity; endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace. The prayer of faith & love, is the true secret of this: the Lord hears & answers such prayers; & thus He gives to his Church the inestimable blessing of Peace, & abundant fruitfulness.

I remain
Affectionately Yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House.
April 30. 1836.

Dear Bro. Bernau,–

1. We last wrote to you under date of Feb. 1/36, of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed, and have now to acknowledge yours of Sept. 12/35, with your Journal from Oct. 2/35 to Dec. 27/35.

2. Though much occupied at present with the business incident to our approaching Anniversary Meeting we cannot refrain from expressing our thankfulness to God for His presence with you and blessing upon your labours. May they be continued and increased abundantly! The account you give of your proceedings hitherto is very cheering and encouraging.

though your situation is in some respects not a little difficult. Prudence, patience, a simple view to the Divine glory, and prayer for divine guidance and support will however we doubt not, bring you happily and prosperously through all.

I can only add my kind regards to Mrs Bernau.

I am, dear Sir
Yours very truly
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

P.S. By this Ship the we forward the usual publications to the present date.

Church Missionary House
April 30. 1836.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of my letter of the 18th ult., of which a duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from Jamaica have reached us:-

Your letter of Feb. 24/36,
J. King Esqr's letter, March 12/36,
Rev. J. F. Sessing's letter, March 12/36,
Balance Sheet &c. of Corr. Comm. for 1835.

2. The views & feelings of the Rev. C. L. F. Haensel relative to his admission and other Missionaries to Membership of the Corr. Comm. have occasioned us surprise & pain. The West Africa Mission is totally administered by a Comm. consisting of the Ordained Missionaries and Senior Catechists, as unhappily there is not in that Colony a body of Christian men out of the Mission to whom the Committee could confide the direction of its affairs. During Mr H's residence in Sierra Leone he considered membership of that body as a serious interruption to his Missionary duties and pressed the Committee to release him from it. When the Normal School in Jamaica was proposed to Mr H. I understood him in the conversations which I had with him on the subject to stipulate for having no duties

imposed upon him beyond the charge of the Normal School. I certainly conceived this stipulation to include exemption from Committee duties, though I would not undertake to state positively that those duties were particularly specified. It was the most entire persuasion of us all that Mr M's non-membership of the Corresponding Committee would not only be acceptable to him, but would be made a condition of his entering on the particular duties which were proposed to him in Jamaica. I purpose to address a private letter to Mr Manuel on the subject by the present Packet, and most earnestly hope that he may be led to view the subject in a different and what I must consider to be a more just light, and sit down cheerfully & energetically to the discharge of the very important duties which have been assigned to him in the Mission. Most deeply grieved indeed should we be should he act otherwise, as we can scarcely conceive any event more disastrous to the Mission comprehensively considered than Mr M's throwing himself out of the post which has been assigned to him, for the duties of which he is peculiarly qualified, and by the diligent & cheerful discharge of which duties he might confidently look forward to be made instrumental under the Divine blessing of incalculable spiritual good to the apprenticed population of the Island. May I add, that we had not the slightest intimation until the arrival of the Rev. J. M. Trew's letter of Feb./38 that the Rev. Messrs or any one else had led Mr Manuel or any other of the Missionaries to expect to be members of the Corr. Comm.

2. It may be necessary to say a word on the distinction between the Comm. of the West Africa & that of the Jamaica Mission. That in Sierra Leone consists exclusively of Missionaries. This being the case the governing body there is homogeneous — there is nothing therefore inconsistent in the governing power being lodged in their hands. In the case of Jamaica — as also in our East Indian Missions & British Guiana — where the governing power is devolved on persons out of the Mission whose especial duty it is to superintend and direct the Missionaries in the discharge of such of their duties as are non-ecclesiastical, it would, as stated in my last letter, be anomalous

to make the Missionary himself a component part of the body and subversive of the principle of government on which the Cor. Comᵉᵉ is founded. It is therefore no disrespect towards or want of confidence in the Missionaries which influences the Committee in withholding from them membership of that body, but simply a necessary adherence to the principle of government on which the affairs of the Jamaica Mission are administered. I need, however, add no more on this subject to what has been already stated in my former communication.

5. We are thankful to learn the safe arrival out of the Rev. J. F. Sessing, and feel much encouraged to hope that he will be found a faithful & zealous labourer in the Mission.

6. The Committee, as you are already aware, have long felt the desirableness of making some further provision for the efficiency of the Cor. Comᵉᵉ, especially in the Secretaryship of that body. They have felt that your distance from Kingston and parochial charge necessarily precluded you from giving that time and attention to the business of the Committee which the present circumstances of the Mission call for. Indeed they felt that you were already giving a degree of time and attention to the Society's business which with your other and prior engagements must press heavily on your health & strength. The subject has also been recently brought under the notice of the Committee in a letter from Mr James Thompson to our President. With a view therefore to your relief as well as to the efficiency of the Cor. Comᵉᵉ the Parent Committee adopted the Resolution copied below. We earnestly hope that you may be able to accede to the wishes of the Parent Committee at once to take upon yourself the office of Secretaryship to the Cor. Comᵉᵉ as an experimental measure. The view of the Committee is that you should reside in Kingston, unless the Cor. Comᵉᵉ should deem some other point more eligible, — receiving from the Society sufficient for your necessary expenses, & give yourself

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wholly to the business of the Corr. Comt. and in the promotion of the Society's interest in the Mission Island. Should it be necessary in order to give effect to this arrangement that one of the Missionaries should occupy your present post during the proposed year the Comt. would acquiesce in such a proceeding as a temporary employment of his agency, though they consider it necessary as a general principle that a Missionary of the Society should not engage statedly in a parochial charge.

6. We have no doubt that the Comt. will approve of the Corr. Comt.'s appropriation of the services of the Missionaries & [illegible] sent out though the subject has not been brought particularly under their consideration.

Mr. & Mrs. [illegible] & their family have arrived in safety & in improved health.

I remain, dear Sir
Very truly yours,
D Coates

Church Missionary House,
London, May 26. 1836.

Dear Mr. Holt,

You are by this time, I trust, fully at work, & finding abundantly sufficient for yourself & Mrs Holt, to fill up all your time, draw out all the powers of the mind, &c, above all, give you matter for earnest & continual prayer. It is when our work is begun & continued in prayer, that we may expect it to end in praise. When we labour in our own strength, we labour in vain. When we attempt to labour in the strength of grace formerly communicated, we are in a state of presumption, & near to embarrassment: — for God will not suffer

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any of his children to feel themselves for a single day independent of Him: if they do so feel, & so act, He lets them fall into some temptation, some sorrow, some disturbance of their inward spirit, or their outward circumstances; that they may be inclined to come back to him. I imagine you find your work to be of a very simple kind: but do favour us with full & minute accounts of it. A full letter from either of you, or both, is much to be desired.

May you be kept humble, laborious, lively in faith, & simple in heart. Believe me &c,

Very sincerely yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, May 26. 1836.

Dear Brother May,

We had heard but little of your labours & prospects, when the news came of your severe accident, which we heard of partly by letters, partly by your Br. in law, Mr. Stearn. Most truly thankful shall we be to learn that you are restored, & again at work. It is a painful dispensation to one, who wishes to labour, to be withheld from his desire. But this has been part of the afflictions, even of Apostles, who

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were either shut up in prisons, or tossed about in long journeys & voyages, apparently to the great loss of their time, & interruption of their main business. Yet they were never idle. St Paul, when in chains, glories that the Word of God was not bound. At such a time he betook himself to letter-writing; & great cause of thankfulness to God have we, for those Epistles, which he wrote, when a "prisoner of the Lord." — Perhaps Mrs May could favour me with a few lines. I want to hear of the little black children, how she gets on with them; & whether she has as much pleasure with them, as with those at Clerkenwell. — Finally, dear brother, take comfort in the remembrance, that not a sparrow falleth to the ground without your Father's knowledge; & that all things work together for good to them that love Him.

I remain, Affectionately Yours,
(S.) Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, May 26. 1836.

Dear Mr Newman,

We have not yet been favoured with letters from you: perhaps you wished to look about you a little in your new station, before you committed your thoughts to paper. But I assure you, we like to hear first im-

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pressions, though we know that second thoughts are, commonly, best. We shall be glad by this time to hear both first & second thoughts.

I would remind you of the Missionary duty to keep a Journal. It is not only useful to us, but to our Labourers also. It keeps up their attention, fixes the mind on their work, marking its' beginnings, growth, decline, recoveries. You, being single, should especially attend to it. You will find it, also, suggesting matter for prayer, both on your own behalf, & that of the Scholars among whom you labour. Therefore, together with all your other duties, do not omit this: it is a kind of Self-examination: & so far as it is a review of your work, send us the fullest account.

May the grace of Christ ever be with you, both when alone, & when at your work.

Believe me, Very truly Yours,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
May 26. 1836.

Dear Mr Paul,

Thank you for your Letter some time since received, in which you gave an account of your voyage, & your expectation of soon proceeding to your appointed Station. You found at sea, both danger & mercy. You visited a poor suffering mariner, but you & your family came safely out of all. Well might your hearts be filled with joy, & hope, in entering on your labours. It was very pleasing to learn from you, that that poor mariner was led in his time of suffering, to think of his sins, & feel some inclination to turn to the Lord. Such afflictions, so sanctified, are among our greatest mercies. — But now, looking at your work, I am anxious to learn how you & Mrs Paul are going on; nay, how you began; for we wish to see your feelings from the beginning. Most of all, we desire to know how you take to the Negro children, & the children take to you: for it is mutual. If you love them, pray for them & labour heartily for them, they will certainly love you. As you began, so early, to write to us, I take it as a pledge that you will continue mindful of the important duty of journal writing.

Believe me very truly yours

Wm. Jowett.

Mr. J. Pollitt, May 26/36.

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Church Missionary House,
London, May 26. 1836.

Dear Mr. Pollitt,

As I suppose that this Letter will find you in your work, I endeavour to picture to myself what that work is, that my few words may be apt to the purpose. I imagine you & Mrs. Pollitt to be setting yourselves to this one object, "To train up Children in the way wherein they should go." A very simple work, when rightly viewed; but a work requiring much hard, plain labour, the denial of Self in all his forms, much patience, perseverance & prayer. I always fear that our Missionary labourers & their wives, go abroad with very different notions of their work, from what they must form when actually approaching the work:— & hence may spring up a degree of surprise & backwardness. If ever you have felt any thing of this sort, resist it. See the perishing children, ignorant of the Bible; unused to prayer. Teach them, & lead them to the Word of God & prayer; do this thoroughly, & you do your great work. Let us hear, also, exact particulars, how the Lord is

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pleased to own & bless your labours.
Believe me &c. Very truly Yours
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
May 26. 1836.

Dear Mr Seddon,

Your last letters were of a very mournful character, & we could not but deeply sympathise with you under the severe & unexpected shock which you must have had in hearing of your family-bereavements. These are a part of the trials of the Missionary Service. When we hear of such "evil tidings," our first work should be, to lay them before God in prayer & humble resignation: — then we are prepared calmly to enter on the path of duty in all other respects. The Committee immediately attended to your wishes, according to their power. A hint or two immediately occurred to me after reading your letter, which it may be not amiss to note down. I think — (from well remembering you) — I should do you no unfriendly office in cautioning you ~~from~~ against over-excitement. There is a degree, beyond which the body cannot safely either work or suffer. Guard against the hot season, which impels,

& yet expends, the animal spirits: & unless the impulses & expenses be well compensated by due rest & restoration, a man of lively & eager temperament soon is laid low. Especially, beware of exposure to the Sun by day, & damps by night. Also, be not over anxious as to the success of favorite objects, but commit all to God: He will work, by you, in due time. — Some of your School-narratives have been very interesting: continue to give them us fully.

Remember me kindly to Mrs Seddon, & believe me, Yours very truly, Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London. May 27. 1836.

Dear Brother Betts,

You have been so good a describer of the scenes around you, that I am always desirous of hearing more from you. I perceive from your reply to one of my questions, that it must be difficult in your island to uphold spiritual discipline: After all, much is effected in professing Christian society, by the constant tenor of a Minister's life, conversation & spirit. The World finds out these: Clerical Brethren find them out, & receive a mighty influence from ministers, persevering kindness, wisdom, & holiness, exhibited by any one of their brethren. And thus the leaven of piety works in a Christian Community; sometimes, even from the influence of one man, one faithful servant of God: how much more shall it be so, if all our Missionaries in Jamaica, & all their friends, walk in love! Let us hear more, dear brother, of this growing love for good things & good men, in your neighbourhood. These are the tidings which gladden our hearts: but tell us, also, your difficulties & discouragements; for we desire to pray for you, & even to mourn with you, if ever it must be so, as well as to rejoice with you.

Believe me to remain Yours Affectionately,
W. Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, May 27. 1836.

Dear Brother Dixon,

I think I remember to have noticed to you, that you handle the pen of a ready writer; & that you can keep a journal well. I do not say this to compliment; for, after all, every man has his own gift, & a gift it is, & he is without some other gifts, that other men are endowed with. But it is our duty, when we know our gift, to stir it up. A simple narrative of scenes & conversations, of labours with their difficulties & encourage

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plainly written, without that crowd of reflection, which may tend to throw a shade, rather than any new light, upon the narrative — this is what we desire from a Miſsionary. Especially, a faithful exhibition of human character, & records of the bleſsed influence of Gospel Truth, come to the heart of every reader. — But let me now enquire, how you are situated, & what exactly are your labours? What can you, & what can Mrs Dixon do? You will find all your powers & all your resources called forth: & yet I am sometimes tempted to think that you will find your greatest difficulty lie, in being simple enough, & condescending enough for the poor souls around you. One thing is very certain; that the more closely you can copy your Master, the more you will excel, & succeed in being acceptable to all ranks, but especially to the humblest.

Believe me, Yours affectionately,
Wm Jowett.
Church Miſsionary House, London,
May 27. 1836.

Dear Brother Haensel,

I am sometimes a little at a loss to know what, or how, to write to my Miſsy Brethren, because, not beholding them face to face, I cannot see exactly in what frame of mind, or in what outward circumstances they

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may be. When this occasions perplexity to me, I must either not write at all – (which I should think unfriendly) – or I must write generally. So I do now: I desire simply to say a few words, under the feeling that we are both sitting at the feet of the same Master, as little children. But oh! what difficulty is there in gaining that place & that posture! Difficulty, that is, from ourselves; not on the part of our Master; who draws us so kindly, puts us down so gently, & keeps us down so effectually, that it would be as vain, as it would be ungrateful, for a true child of God to say, "I will not be humble." Still, the heart would say it, if it dared. And if not in one way, yet in some other. As our Christian poet has well said. –

What various hindrances we meet
In coming to a mercy-seat! –

– we may & must honestly confess, that the difficulty chiefly arises from our want of a lowly spirit. We would rather be starved a little longer, than be so much humbled as we must be, to content ourselves with asking for bread: yet crumbs are better than what we deserve.

I have given you a few of my

own experiences, thinking they may help you a little way onward. Though I abhor all Popish penances, yet I am sure that, spiritually speaking, we travel best on our knees. Best, when we are willing to be, as Christ was, least of all, & servant of all!

Yours ever affectionately, Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, May 27. 1836.

Dear Brother Morse,

A few lines from me will, I hope, not be unacceptable, though I have not been favoured with any from you. Yet it greatly behoves us to bear one another in mind, to pray for one another, to speak one to another, as brethren & fellow-labourers in the same great vineyard of our Lord. I earnestly desire to know that, which nothing but a letter from yourself can tell us; namely, how you feel with regard to all the circumstances around you, how you labour, what prospects you have, what it is you pray for, and in what it is that you find prayer is answered? A Missionary should always be aiming high – in his plans – but most of all, in his prayers. That one soul may be saved by your instrumentality, is a high aim & prayer: that many may be saved, is higher still. And do you see any signs of this? Any moving & shaking of the dry bones around you? Write, dear brother, fully on such points as these. It does our hearts good to hear of them; & it will do your heart, head & hands good to write about them. I remain, Affectionately, Yours,

Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
May 31. 1836.

Rev. L. Strong

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote a few lines to you by the Lucretia, on the 14th ult., since which date we have received yours of Mar. 17th, one from Mr. Burke of the 7th of that month, and one from Mr. Armstrong of the 17th of February.

2. Into the contents of Mr. Armstrong's letter it is unnecessary to enter, as the Resolutions of the Committee Feb. 28/36 and Apl. 19/36 with our Letters covering them respectively, will have put you and the other members of the Cors. Committee fully in possession of the views of the Committee with regard to Mr. Armstrong's conduct and of the course respecting him which they have in consequence considered it to be their duty to pursue.

3. We have been unable to obtain the judgment of the Committee on the proposals contained in your letter Mar. 17th respecting the erection of schoolhouses & the employment of Mr. Roach. We think it probable that they will receive Mr. Roach and sanction the erection of a Schoolhouse at No. 2 of your Plan and one at No. 4 as you propose. We hope however to

write definitely by the Packet on the 16th instant. In the mean time we beg to call your attention to what is stated in Par. 2 of our letter of Feb. 1/36 relative to the cost of the two schoolhouses sanctioned in your parish. The entire cost of both must on no consideration exceed £500 stg. The apportioning that sum between the two spots selected (Nos 2 & 4) would we doubt not be agreed to by the Corr. Comm. that each district might be provided for answerably to the amount of its population. The Committee would however expect, we apprehend, that the two Schoolhouses should be substantial buildings of sufficient size to receive together 200 scholars. To these conditions we particularly beg the attention of the Corr. Committee.

4. We are not without some hope of obtaining this year some further assistance from Government for the erection of Schoolhouses in the West Indies. Have the kindness therefore to state at what point in your Parish you would recommend the erection of an additional one should we be able to obtain a grant for it. You will probably be able to point out the spot by means of the Sketch of the Parish given in your last letter. Have the kindness to write on this subject immediately.

I can add no more but my earnest prayers that the blessing of God may abundantly rest on you & your colleagues and all our friends in the Mission for His great Name's sake.

I remain

Dear Sir

Truly & affy Yours,

D. Coates

Lay Sec.

June 1/36. Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
June 1. 1836.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you under date of April 30/36, of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed. Since that period no communication from the Mission has reached us

2. We have reason to expect that a grant of £20,000 will again be made by Parliament this year, in aid of Negro Education, in those Colonies to which the Abolition Act applies. We shall apply for a portion of it for the erection of additional School-houses in Jamaica. You will therefore have the kindness to report to us any farther eligible sites for School-houses in addition to those which you have formerly reported, governing yourselves in the recommendation of them by the considerations comprised in our Letters of Oct. 16/35, Par. 5, and Jan. 20/36, Par. 5.

3. We are very earnestly looking for an answer to the inquiries contained in our Letters of Nov. 30/35, Pars. 6 & 7, and Jan. 20/36, Par. 7. We cannot sufficiently impress you with the importance of obtaining early & specific information in reply to the inquiries contained in our Letters

4. By this Ship the "Velocity", Capt. Salem; we forward the usual Publications to the present date, &c. The Invoices and Bill of Lading are enclosed. Some of the Books are intended for the Library of the Normal School: some for other Stations. The Invoice states for whom they are designed.

5. Have the kindness to inform us whether the number of the "C. M. Record" and Quarterly Papers which we now send are sufficient for the present requirements of the Mission.

6. The Record Newspaper forwarded by the last Packet will have informed you generally of the financial situation of the Society at the close of the last year and of the proceedings at our Anniversary Meeting. We have indeed much reason for thankfulness to God for the large mea-

care of blessing which He continues to vouchsafe on the operations of the Society at home and abroad.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House

June 1. 1836.

Rev. Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Dear Brethren,—

1. We wrote to you Feb. 9/36, of which Letter a Duplicate is enclosed, since which time yours of the same date has reached us.

2. We were thankful to learn your safe arrival at Barbados, and grateful to His Lordship, the Bishop, for the great kindness which he shewed you.

3. We have been some time expecting to hear of your arrival at Trinidad and entrance on the sphere of labours assigned to you. We are particularly solicitous to hear from you in reference to your progress in the School department. We understand that an additional grant will be made by Parliament this Session for Negro Education in the West Indies. A portion of it might probably be obtained for the erection of one or two additional School-houses in Trinidad, should it appear that you could place them in advantageous situations, on the general principles explained in our Letter of Dec. 12/35. Have the kindness therefore to inform us immediately whether your proceedings are sufficiently advanced to enable you to recommend two additional sites for School-houses in situations where a sufficient number of Scholars could conveniently be collected, and where you could efficiently superintend them? You will bear in mind that the School-houses must be good substantial, though plain

and simple buildings, sufficient for 100 scholars, and that the cost must not exceed £250 sterling.

4. The Record Newspaper which was forwarded to you by last Packet will have acquainted you with the general state of the Society as detailed at its late Anniversary Meeting. You will have seen that God is giving us much of His blessing at home and abroad. May these manifestations of His favour stimulate us to increased diligence, fidelity & zeal in His service!

Praying that all grace may abound toward you in your own souls and in your work.

We remain,

Truly & affectionately yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House

June 1. 1836.

Dear Brother Bernau,

1. No communication from you has reached us since the despatch of our last Letter of April 30th.

2. It is understood that another grant will be made by Parliament this session in aid of Negro Education in the West Indies, and it is probable that a portion of it might be obtained for the erection of one or two additional School-houses in connexion with your Station, if required. Have the kindness therefore immediately to inform us whether you can recommend eligible sites in situations where a sufficient number of children could conveniently attend, and where you could efficiently superintend the School. You will bear in mind that the cost of each School-house must not exceed £250 sterling for a plain durable building, and that each should be capable of containing 100 children

3. The Record Newspaper, forwarded by the last Packet, will have informed you of the general course of

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the Society's proceedings during the past year, as detailed at its Anniversary. You will rejoice with us in the progress of the great work in which we are engaged, and give glory to God for the blessing vouchsafed

4. We are solicitously expecting to hear of the progress of your work, and of all the circumstances of your situation.

Begging our kind regards to Mrs Bernau, and assuring you of our constant interest in our prayers,

We remain,
Truly & affectionately yours,
D. Coates
Sec. to Cd.

Church Missionary House, London,
June 15th 1836.

My Lord,
I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to state that they have received communications from Mr J. Armstrong, & Mr T. Youd, at Bartica, in which they report the visit which your Lordship had paid to that Station, & the kindness they had experienced at your hands.

We deeply feel the interest which your Lordship has taken in that Infant-Mission: and the Committee are desirous that the earliest opportunity should be seized to express our sense of the value & importance of this visit, in which, though short, you were enabled so far to enquire into its State.

There is, however, one difficulty connected with the above-mentioned communications, on which the Committee feel it right that your Lordship should be informed as soon as possible. Messrs Armstrong & Youd both of them state that your Lordship had intimated, that they should repair to Barbados, with a view to receiving Deacons' & Priests' Orders. With respect to Mr Youd, the

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Committee are much gratified with the prospect of his obtaining your Lordship's approbation; his conduct and his proceedings having been such, that they can cheerfully recommend him as a Candidate. But with regard to Mr. Armstrong, it is my painful duty to state that, though he left this country as a proposed Candidate for Holy Orders, yet his conduct, since reported to the Committee, has been such as to induce them, though reluctantly, to come to a Resolution that they could not, for the present, recommend him, but that it was their duty to desire that his being presented to your Lordship as a Candidate for Holy Orders should be postponed.

We are not able from the documents hitherto received from Demerara to ascertain whether this circumstance has yet reached your Lordship: but the Committee felt it to be their duty to forward this statement to you, with as little delay as possible.

I remain, with great respect,
My Lord
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servt.
William Jowett,
Sec. to C.M.S.

To The Right Reverend
the Lord Bishop of Barbados.

Church Missionary House
June 30/36

Rev. L. Strong

My dear Sir,

1 Since the despatch of our letter of the 31st Ult. we have received yours of April 15/36 and Mr. Armstrong's of Mar. 19th Apl. 8th & 27th and May 2d/36, Mr. Goode's of Mar. 25th & 31st and two without date, with his Journal from Jan. to Mar. 36.—

2 The proposals contained in your letter of April 15th have been considered by the Committee and they regret that they do not find themselves at liberty to accept of either of them, as you will perceive by the Resolutions copied below.

Revd L. Strong, June 5/

3 By the arrangement entered into by the Committee with the Bp. of Barbados when he was in this country, it is understood that the Committee were not to send Ordained Missionaries into British Guiana except to the Indian Mission and to Berbice. The Committee therefore cannot accede to the proposal to receive the station marked No 3 on the sketch contained in your letter of Mar. 17/36, since they could not thus permanently charge themselves with a chapel and district of this description without incurring the obligation to place a Clergyman in it, which would be an infringement of their agreement with the Bishop. The outlay also of so large a sum as £100 for buildings, is an expense, which notwithstanding the prosperous state of our finances, they could not conveniently incur, so rapidly augmenting are the demands upon them from all quarters. The Committee are moreover disinclined to go farther in incurring expense on account of buildings than is absolutely necessary, since it tends either to bind them permanently to a particular sphere of action, or if it be relinquished, would most probably subject them to heavy pecuniary loss. They at the same time are sensible of the advantageousness of the offer which you make considered in a pecuniary point of view, as well as of the importance of the Station itself abstractedly considered.

4 The same general reasons influence the Committee in reference to Mr Reads proposal. They would too find it very difficult if not impracticable to provide an Ordained Missionary for this undertaking and it could not be advantageously assigned to any other; for they conceive that there would be insuperable objections to the removal of the Rev H. Bernau thither.

5 You will be at liberty to draw on us for Mr. Bernau's necessary travelling expenses in prosecution of his labors, begging you will keep down this head of charge as low as is consistent with the due discharge of his duties.

6 We find from Mr. Armstrong's letter of the 5th Ulto. above acknowledged that the Resolutions of the Comm. of Feb 22/36 have reached him. We infer from the tone of his letter that his connexion with the Society will not be long continued. We trust you have acquainted the Bp. of Barbadoes with the Committees decision, withdrawing Mr. Armstrong from being presented to His Lordship as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

7 It was very gratifying to the Committee to learn that the Bishop of Barbadoes had formed so favorable an opinion of Mr. Youd's character and labors. They will rejoice to hear of his admission to Holy Orders. The Committee have not yet decided with reference to his proposal of locating himself among the Mountain Indians.

8 We trust shortly to hear that the Cor. Com. have recommenced their duties.

Praying that all grace may abound toward you in your own soul, and in your ministry,

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly & affy. Yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Miſsionary House
June 30. 1836.

Dear Brother Bernau,

1 Since the despatch of our letter of the 1st Instant of which a Duplicate is enclosed, your letters of January 16th Mar. 31 & April 27/36 have come to hand together with your Journal from Jany: 10 to Mar. 12/36 Your letter of May 9th has also been delivered to us by Mr Muir.

2 These communications contain matters of much importance. We have not yet had an opportunity of taking the judgement of the Committee upon them, & therefore cannot at present enter particularly into their contents. The circumstances which you detail so far affect your position generally in Berbice, that it will be neceſsary that you should take no steps tending to give permanency to it by acquiring grants of land, the erection of buildings, or otherwise, till you shall be made acquainted with the decision of the Committee as to your future course. With regard to the several matters comprised in your communications, and in respect to some of which you were certainly placed in circumstances of no little difficulty, we have no doubt that the Committee will entirely approve of all that you have done. We trust that you have been guided by that "wisdom that cometh from above", and have hitherto pursued a course on which we may confidently hope that the bleſsing of God will rest.

3 We trust that neither your health nor that of Mrs Bernau will suffer from the breaking of the Dams and the state of your house. You did quite right in quitting it and going to Town. We fear you postponed doing so longer than you ought. It is the earnest wish of the Committee that while you diligently and faithfully prosecute your Miſsionary

labours, you should also pay due attention to your health. When that fails, active usefulness ceases.

A Horne's Introduction to the Scriptures shall be forwarded to you with the other books you request by the earliest opportunity. The Duplicate copy of Milner's Church History you had better retain till we give you directions respecting the disposal of it.

Begging our kind regards to Mrs. Bernau and assuring you of your constant interest in our prayers,

We remain
Truly and affect.ly Yours,
D. Coates
Church Missionary House,
July 1. 1836.

Sir G. F. Hill, Bart

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Excellency's Letter of April 14/36 stating that you had accompanied the Society's Missionaries, the Rev. Mess.rs Muhlhauser & Eckel, to Naparima, and assigned a portion of land at San Fernando and one at Savanna Grande for the use of the Mission, in consequence of instructions from Lord Glenelg; and I am directed by the Committee to convey to you their cordial acknowledgements for the countenance which you have afforded to the Missionaries, and for the manner in which you have had the goodness to carry into effect Lord Glenelg's instructions relative to grants of land to the Mission.

I have the honour to remain,
Your Excellency's
Most Obed.t humble Serv.t
D. Coates

Church Miss.y House,
June 30/36

Rev. Mess.rs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Dear Brethren,

1 Since the despatch of our letter of the 1st Instant of which a duplicate is enclosed, Mr Eckel's of April 12–18/36 with its enclosures have come to hand.

2 We are thankful to learn your safe arrival at Trinidad and of the favorable circumstances under which you had been enabled to make preparatory arrangements for commencing your labors. To His Exc.y Sir G. F. Hill & the Rev. Cummins we feel particularly indebted for their kindness and good offices. We have expressed to the Lord Bp. of Barbadoes the sense which the Committee entertain of His Lordship's attention and kindness while you remained at Barbadoes.

3 The Committee entirely approve of your being located separately, one at San Fernando and the other at Savanna Grande under the circumstances which Mr Eckel has stated. They are earnestly solicitous however that you should maintain frequent intercourse with each other for mutual counsel and encouragement. In this way you will through the grace and mercy of God comfort each others hearts and be helpful to each other in your work and your residence a few miles apart will not operate to your material disadvantage. A Resolution of the Committee to this effect is copied below. Both the Stations selected for you and the sites of the land granted to the Society appear to be very eligible. The only disadvantage appears to be the immediate vicinity of the Wesleyan Mission, as the Com-

mittee are desirous in carrying on their own labors, not to interfere with those of another Society. You will therefore studiously avoid all unnecessary interference with the labors of the Wesleyan Missʳ. and maintain a friendly general intercourse with him while you act consistently as a Clergyman of the Church of England. You are quite right in declining to exercise your ministry in the Wesleyan Chapel as this would have been inconsistent with your ministerial obligations. While you maintain christian fellowship with persons of another communion you are bound to abstain from an intercommunion with them in ministerial acts.

4 The Committee are aware that the erection of buildings is very expensive in Trinidad. It will therefore be especially obligatory to practise the most rigid economy in the erection of them. At the same time the buildings erected should be substantial and sufficient for the objects for which they are intended. With regard to your own dwellings the Committee cannot limit the cost of them. It is their wish that due precaution should be taken for the preservation of your health and at the same time no unnecessary expense be incurred

5 The sum of £250 was intended for the school-house exclusive of the Master's residence as the Government grant is limited to the erection of the School-house alone. The Committee however authorize you to attach a dwelling for the Master to each School-house as you suggest provided that these erections do not exceed £60 Sterling for each. This sum you will debit to the general expenses of the Mission; but you will not of course proceed to the erection of the houses till you have Masters to take care of the school.

6 The erection of the Churches may possibly be delayed for a short time without inconvenience. It is desirable however that things should be put in train for the erection of them. The Committee have therefore made an application to Lord Glenelg to give his sanction to the Councils' guaranteeing a moiety of the cost of the erection of each provided the entire cost of each does not exceed £700 sterling. We shall of course apprise you of Lord Glenelg's reply when it shall have been received.

7. The obtaining of two efficient schoolmasters is a matter of much importance. The Committee much approve of Mr. Muhlhauser's having taken a hopeful youth to train as a teacher. We should be glad to find that Mr. Eckel had been able to act on the same plan.

8 We expect that the Parliamentary grant of this year will include aid for schoolmasters' salaries but certainly not for Churches. We have applied for a portion of it for schoolmasters salaries in Trinidad.

9 With reference to the enquiries contained under the date of April 10th we do not perceive that your residing a few miles apart need alter your mode of drawing bills. A separate account should be kept of the expenses of each Station and the whole brought into a general account according to the Printed Form.

10 The Normal School is so important in its bearing upon the extensive diffusion of religious instruction among the enfranchised population that it ought on no account to be lost sight of. The Committee therefore desire that a

Normal School should be formed at one of the Stations as you may arrange between yourselves as soon as practicable and that the two common Schools should be conducted with a special view to train up well disposed, intelligent, steady youths for the Normal School. In order to carry into effect the above arrangements you will probably find it necessary to postpone for a time the common school at the Station where the Normal School is situated. Our supply of Agents is as you are aware very scanty but it is possible that the Committee might be able to send out a Catechist to be associated with the Missionary who has the charge of the Normal School and to act as the Master of the common school at that Station

11 The Committee leave it to yourselves to decide which Station you respectively occupy.

12 The following Bills have reached us from you since you left England:-

Feby 6/36	Rev. J. F. Muehlhauser	& Rev. A. C. Hekel	£ 50..
" 22/36	Ditto	Ditto	£ 50..
April 4/36	Ditto	Ditto	£ 120..
" 14/36	Ditto	Ditto	£ 14..

Praying that you may ever dwell together in unity, and enjoy in abundance the blessing of God on your own souls and in your work,

We remain,
Dear Brethren,
Truly and aff^tly yours
D. Coates

Rev. R. Panton, July 1/36

Church Missionary House,
July 1. 1836.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir;

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st ulto, of which a duplicate is enclosed, yours of May 9th & its enclosures have come to hand.

2. Your communications relative to Rev. C. L. May have occasioned the Committee much pain & surprise. The reasons assigned for withdrawing from the Society are wholly insufficient to justify the step and the sudden manner in which it was taken adds to the blameableness of the proceeding. The Resolutions to which the Committee felt it their duty to come in reference to Mr. May's conduct are copied below. You have so fully and in a manner so entirely satisfactory to the Comm.ee pointed out to Mr. May in your letter to him, April 1836 the entire absence of all valid grounds for the conduct which he has pursued and its consequent injustice towards the Society and this at the same time in a manner so considerate & kind that it is unnecessary for us to add any thing on the subject. You will have the kindness to communicate to Mr. May the first two Resolutions, accompanied with such remarks as you may judge fit.

3. A word or two may be requisite in reference to the 2d Resolution, in order to show the serious injury done to the Society by Mr. May's causelessly breaking his engagements with it after barely twelve months' residence at his Station. We find that Mr. May resided rather more than four years & four months in the Institution, and that the average annual cost of a Missionary in the Institution during that period was rather more than £138, including of course the salaries of the Principal and Tutors and all other expenses incidental to his residence in the Institution. Hence the education expenses of Mr. May for 4⅓ years was a fraction more than £600. To this is to be added the cost of Passage & Outfit of Mr. & Mrs. May, amounting to rather more than £150. Mr. May is thus indebted to the Society £750; for, having without any reasonable cause and so early after his arrival at his Station

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quitted the Society, he is clearly bound in common justice to refund the money expended on his education and in sending him to his Station.

4. You will perceive by the 5. Resolution that the Committee considered it to be their duty to acquaint the Bishop of Jamaica with the circumstances under which Mr May separated himself from the Society. Deeply feeling as the Committee do the injuriousness of Mr May's conduct they have no wish by any act of theirs to bear with unnecessary severity upon him. As however Mr May had been licenced by the Bishop of Jamaica at their instance to act as one of the Society's Missionaries in his Lordship's Diocese, it was clearly due to the Bishop to inform him of the cessation of Mr May's connexion with the Society and as the case actually stands of the circumstances under which it took place. This therefore has been done in a Letter from Mr Jowett to the Bishop which we enclose open for your perusal and which you will have the kindness to transmit to his Lordship with any remarks or explanations which the Cor. Comee may judge advisable. You will observe that the Letter is limited to a simple statement of facts, and abstains from any observation upon the facts so communicated which might prejudice Mr May with the Bishop

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours
D. Coates

Church Missionary House
Mr J. Armstrong
London, July 12th 1836.

Dear Mr Armstrong,

It was with much pain that the Committee read your Letter to me of the 2nd of May last, in which you express adherence to your former views. I am, indeed, not without some apprehension, that the kindness & candour of my letter to you may have been misconstrued by you; & that, in consequence, you have overlooked the main characteristic of our Resolutions. Let me repeat, that, what is uniformly expected from all persons connected with the Society in its several Missions, where a Corresponding Committee is found, is, a compliance with their directions, & a respectful demeanour in all communications addressed to such body. We earnestly hope that you will seriously weigh the grievous consequences likely to result from your not concurring in this principle. It is, you know, at all times free to you, while complying, in things not essentially wrong, with the wishes & directions of the Corresponding Committee, to state to us at home any difference of opinion that you may entertain: but beyond this, it would be the subversion of all systematic & friendly relations, if any of our Missionary Labourers were to go. I think when you calmly reflect on this, your views must become cleared: & I heartily pray that the God of all grace may guide you aright in this matter.

With kind regards to Mrs Armstrong, I remain,
faithfully Yours, Wm Jowett.

Bp. Barbados.

Church Missionary House, London,
July 12th 1836.

My Lord, I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to acquaint your Lordship that, in consequence of communications received from Berbice, they are contemplating the probable removal of the Rev. Henry Bernau from thence & his location at Bartica, with a view to co-operate in the Society's Mission to the Indians.

The Committee have understood that Berbice is now divided into parishes: and the Church at Achlyne, where Mr Bernau officiates, having been built by the contributions of gentlemen resident there, those gentlemen stipulate, in case of the transfer of that property to the Church Missionary Society, for the condition that Subscribers to a certain amount shall have a Veto on the appointment of the Minister. The Committee, viewing these circumstances, feel that they could not, on the one hand, in case of the parochial division, consent to Mr Bernau's remaining there as Rector of the Parish; nor, on the other hand, could they acquire the property of the Chapel at Achlyne on the above-mentioned terms namely, of the Subscribers having such a veto.

It is on these considerations that the Committee anticipate the necessity of the removal of Mr Bernau to Bartica Point: — and when the magnitude & promising character of the Missionary field, there lying almost unoccupied, are contemplated, they trust that Your Lordship will concur in the same view of the advantages to be expected, under the Divine Blessing, from the strengthening of that Mission.

I remain, with great respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servt.
William Jowett,
Sec. CMS.

Church Missionary House, London,
July 1st 1836.

Bp. Jamaica

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to acquaint Your Lordship with the case of the Rev. Charles May, who left this country in January 1835 for Jamaica, as a Missionary of this Society, & has subsequently, as we are informed, engaged himself as a Curate to one of the Incumbents of Your Lordship's Diocese. Mr. May entered on his course of Missionary Studies at the Society's Institution at Islington in the year 1830, and was ordained by the Bishop of London Deacon in 1833, & Priest in the year following. During all that period, & to the time of his landing in Jamaica, he has been at the Society's entire charge, & by his engagement to the Society was bound to consider himself at the disposal of the Committee in reference to his Station, whether at his first fixing, or in the subsequent change of Station. After, however, being duly stationed

at Birnam Wood, and after acting for a short time,
under license, in his Missionary duties, he has, at
a very short notice, & without alleging any sufficient
4 reasons, quitted his Station, & transferred his services,
as Curate in one of the Parishes.

The Committee, deeply feeling that he has thus not only incurred, morally, a considerable pecuniary debt of restitution to the Society, but that he has also culpably violated his engagement to it, deemed it their duty to lay all the above-mentioned circumstances before your Lordship.

I remain, My Lord,

Your Lordship's obedt. faithful Servant,

William Jowett,

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,

July 15. 1836.

Rev. L. Strong

My dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 30th ult., of which letter a duplicate is enclosed. Since the despatch of that letter, yours of May 24/36 has come to hand.

2. We feel obliged to our friends for resuming their office duties as a Corresponding Committee. We presume that you are Secretary of the Corr. Comee jointly with Mr. Troughton, though it does not appear distinctly that you are so on the face of the Minutes. We think it desirable that you should be thus officially connected with the Corr. Com. for many reasons, especially for conducting the Correspondence with the Parent Committee & the Missionaries, &, as occasion may require, with the Bishop of the Diocese.

3. We have not yet had an opportunity of particularly considering the ratio of expenditure as proposed by the Corr. Comtee, but do not doubt that your local information has enabled you to arrange it satisfactorily.

4. The same Packet which brought your Letter above mentioned, brought one from Mr. Armstrong in reply to the communication to him of the Resolutions of Feb. 20/36. We regret to state that its tone & spirit was of the same character as the Committee had felt constrained to censure in his former communications. The Committee adopted the following Resolution in reference to it:-

"That the Committee see no reason to depart from the decision concerning Mr. Armstrong contained in their Resolutions of Feb. 20/36; & that therefore they cannot continue Mr. Armstrong in connexion with the Society unless he be prepared faithfully to comply with the directions of the Committee contained in the Resolutions."

We have replied to Mr. Armstrong's letter by this Packet. A copy of our letter to him is enclosed, which you will have the kindness to record in the proceedings of the Corr. Committee. Should Mr. Armstrong, unhappily for himself, refuse to comply with the directions of the Committee, it will be requisite that the Corr. Comtee should afford to Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong the means of returning to this country.

5. Mr. Roberts has not yet reached London. We have had a Letter from him from Liverpool, & we shall be glad of an opportunity of personally conferring with him on the affairs of the Mission when he comes to town.

6. We have no doubt that the Comtee will use their best en-

hired to replace Mr Armstrong at Barkia Point in case he quits the Mission.

I remain, My dear Sir,
Truly & affy Yours
D. Coates
Secy C.M.S.

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Church Missionary House
July 15/36.

Dear Brother Armstrong,

Your letters of April 27th and May 2:36 duly reached us, the contents of that of May 2. gave the Committee much pain. They had hoped that the statements respecting you contained in their letter of March 16:36 and Mr Jowett's of the 15th of that month would have led you to a juster view of your own spirit and conduct. You are under an entire misapprehension in supposing that the decision of the Committee concerning you contained in the resolution of Feb 23. 36 was grounded on impressions to your disadvantage made by representations from the Cor. Com. The fact is; that, the judgment of the Committee was formed on your own communications, and especially on your letter to the Cor. Com. copied by yourself in your letter of January 1.36. I trust this will satisfy you, that in forming their conclusions the Committee acted in the impartial exercise of their judgment. In both the tone and spirit of your letters to them as well as to the C. Com.; were so unequivocal, that they were entirely unanimous in their decision. It is with much regret that they are constrained to remark that your letter of the 2d of May is characterized by the same tone and spirit. They have therefore felt it their bounden duty as the administrators of the Society's affairs to adhere to their former decision respecting you, and to state explicitly that they

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cannot continue you in connection with the Society, unless you are prepared faithfully to comply with their Resolutions of Feb 28 36. The Resolution is copied below. Be assured that in the course which the Committee thus take respecting you, they are actuated by no other motive than so to administer the Society's affairs as may best promote the interests of the Missions they are entrusted with. Their hearts desire and pray^r to God for you is that you may continue in the work in which you are engaged in a spirit of humility, love and christian knowledge. That course which brings you into the closest walk with God, and best fits you for ministering to the spiritual profit of the Indians is that which will most satisfy the Committee and secure to you their cordial approbation. They cannot therefore relinquish the hope that on cool consideration you will acquiesce in their decision, and not unnecessarily throw yourself out of a situation presenting to you many advantages for promoting the spiritual profit of a people deeply sunk in ignorance, superstition & sin.

With kind regards to Mr Armstrong

I remain,

Dear Brethren

Faithfully Yours

D. Coates

Church Missionary House, Salisbury Sq.

July 15/36

Rev. Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Dear Brethren,

No communication from you has reached us since the despatch of our letter of the 30 Ult. of which a Duplicate is enclosed.

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July 15/36. Rev. H. Bernau

8. Since we last wrote, application has been made to Lord Glenelg to authorize the local Government to defray one half of the cost of the proposed Churches at your respective stations, assuming that the expense of each would amount to £600 or £700 Sterling. Lord Glenelg is disposed to sanction the payment of a moiety of the expense; but it has been represented to him that the cost of each would be only about £300 Sterling. His Lordship has therefore called for an Estimate of the expense of erecting the two Churches for his guidance in giving a final answer to the Committees application. We have thought it right to apprise you how this matter stands, but recommend it to you not to make it known beyond yourselves, unless some particular reason should arise for your doing so.

Hoping to hear of your affairs by the next Packet and praying that you may richly enjoy the Divine Blessing in your own soul and in your labours.

We remain
Dear Brethren
Truly & affly Yours

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
July 15. 1835.

Dear Brother Bernau,

1. We enclose a duplicate of our letter of the 30th ulto. The only communication which we have now to acknowledge is that of May 9/36, by Mr. Muse.

2. Since we last wrote, your letters of March &

April have been taken into consideration by the Committee. They have also had under their consideration a letter addressed to them by Mr Mure, with whom I had previously had conversation, explanatory of the views of the subscribers to the Ablyne Church, as to the disposal of it to the Society. The proposal submitted by Mr Mure was nearly to the same effect as that mentioned toward the close of your letter of April 27/36, reserving to the subscribers a veto on the Society's appointment of a Minister to it. This proposal the Committee have declined. With regard to your own proceedings they have adopted the following Resolution:—

> "That Mr Bernau be directed not to proceed to the erection of the Schoolhouses, nor to take any other step involving the outlay of any considerable sum of money for a permanent object, until the course of the Committee with regard to the Station be clearly ascertained."

This Resolution was taken by the Committee under the impression that your position in Berbice is at present so uncertain that it would be unadvisable to take any step permanently to connect the Society with Berbice. The Committee strongly feel with you that it would be a deviation both from their own course, & that which you contemplated in connecting itself with the Society, that you should become the Rector of a Parish. Still less could they consent to your occupying the district as a Presbyterian Parish or continuing in it with a Minister of the Church of Scotland also located there. With so wide a field before them the Committee will find no [illegible] Aug. 1/36. Rev. R. Panton

difficulty in assigning to you another sphere of labour should your removal from Berbice be decided on by them. The Indian Mission at Bartica Point is that which occurs to them as eligible for you both from its more distinctive missionary character, & the probable removal of Mr. Armstrong. We shall of course apprise you immediately that any thing is definitely settled respecting your future labours.

With kind regards to Mrs. Bernau,

I remain, Dear Brother,
Truly & affy. Yours
D Coates
Sec. C. M.

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Church Missionary House
August 1st 1836

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1 We enclose a duplicate of our letter of the 1st Ulto. since the despatch of it we have received Mr King's May 26/36 and Rev. H. Dixon's May 28/36.

2 We are anxiously looking for replies from you to several of our preceding communications.

3 We regret to be still without the Acct. Current of the Mission for the year 1835 We therefore renew our request that it may in future be transmitted to us immediately after the close of the year. It is really important to us to receive this Account, and the Returns of the Mission agreeably to the printed forms, at the earliest practicable period at which they become due.

4 The following Bills on account of the Mission have reached us since those particularized in para. 5 of our letter of March 31/36.

Feby. 27th --- Mr John King £ 200
Mar 3 ——— Do ——— 100
10 ——— Do ——— 200

- 31 —— Do —— 600
April 30 —— Do —— 200
May 31 —— Do —— 600

5. The sum of £40 has been advanced to Mr. Young on Mr. Dixon's account agreeably to Mr. D.'s request. The Cor: Com. will therefore debit Mr. Dixon with that Amount.

6 Mr Dixon states that he had not received any of the Society's publications since his arrival. Do the Cor. Com. require a larger supply of them? It is the wish of the Committee that all connected with the Mission should be regularly supplied with them.

7 We have not yet received any further report from you relative to Swanswick. You will bear in mind that the present Proprietor is anxious for the adoption of any practicable plan for placing a Missionary or Catechist from the Socy upon it. You led us to suppose that there was a plot of ground suitable for our purposes which would be granted to the Society for the erection of buildings &c. Has this been arranged? Is there any difficulty with regard to Title? If not, it can I suppose be secured to the Society by investment in Trustees on its behalf, in the same manner as Birnam Wood.

8 We shall feel obliged by your giving us a detailed statement of the salaries and allowances of each Missionary and Catechist in Jamaica, with the reasons for the amount of the salary, and the necessity of the several allowances. By allowances we mean House rent, Medical attendance, Horse, and the keep of it, &c. We do not ask this information because we have any idea that the salaries are unduly high or the allowances unnecessary; but because one of the English Catechists lately sent out, has written to his friends in this Country on the subject in a way to lead them to suppose that he is lavishly provided for, and the diffusion of that information is we find operating prejudicially. It is on this account alone that we desire to receive from you the specific inform-

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We remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly and Affly Yours
D. Coates
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Church Missionary House,
August 13. 1836.

Rev R Panton

Dear Sir

1. Since the despatch of our letter by Packet on the 1st instant of which a duplicate is enclosed, yours of the 17th of June has come to hand, one from the Rev. C. T. May, May 2, '36, & one from the Rev. H. S. Dixon of June 6 '36.

2. It afforded the Committee much satisfaction to learn that you are prepared to entertain their proposal respecting the Secretaryship of the Corr. Committee. We spoke of your doing so as an experiment as to yourself, & not as to us; not being aware at the time we wrote what your views were on the subject. So far as the Commee are concerned, they are most solicitous that it should be a permanent arrangement should it be practicable to effect it. The consideration however stated in your letter before us, as to the necessity of your resigning your Island Curacy should you hold the Secretaryship for more than one year, is so serious as to yourself that the Commee feel bound to recommend that you should not vacate your Curacy. They strongly feel the advantages to be anticipated from personal communication with you. They therefore entirely concur in the expediency of your visiting England with Mrs Panton as you propose, when all matters affecting both our position in Jamaica & your own might be freely

discussed. We shall therefore hope to see you in this country at your own convenience, retaining your Curacy of course till matters shall have been finally arranged between you and the Committee. Possibly Mr. Seddon, if admitted to Holy Orders, might take your ministerial duties during your absence, under the special circumstances of the case; though recent occurrences increase the repugnance of the Committee to the employment of Missionaries in parochial duties. Should you find it practicable to provide for the discharge of your duties during your absence in any other way, we should, for the reasons just referred to, much prefer it. Should Mr. Seddon take your duties, you will of course make your arrangements with the sanction of the Bishop.

3. We are much concerned to find that the Rev. W. Morse is obliged again to quit his missionary labours on account of ill health.

4. The communications already made to you respecting the Rev. C. T. May render it unnecessary to enter now at large into his case. We do not think the Com^ee would wish any legal proceedings to be instituted against Mr. May.

5. The Rev. H. L. Dixon's letter observations has given us much pain. Dealing as it does almost exclusively with official matters, it ought to have been transmitted through the Corr. Com^ee that they might have had an opportunity of forwarding to us any remarks or explanations in reference to it which they might think fit, & the Com^ee be thus placed in a situation to form a correct judgment of the questions brought before them. The views of the Com^ee on the course pursued by Mr. Dixon are explained in the Resolutions copied below, and the letter to Mr. D. which we enclose. From these you will perceive that Mr. Dixon's letter contained statements casting blame on some of the Corr. Committee's proceedings respecting

him. As Mr Dixon had been called upon to address another letter to us through the Corr. Comtee, our Comtee have judged it unadvisable to notice the particulars of Mr D's statement at present. We may observe however in general terms that they refer to delay in obtaining the requisite Papers to enable him to proceed to his Station, and enter upon his duties there. The letter also refers to his relations to the Bishop, and to difficulties which he represents himself to find in satisfactorily discharging his duty to the Bishop on the one hand, & to the Society on the other. This is a very serious question, but we abstain from entering upon it in the present imperfect state of our information.

We remain

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,

August 13. 1836.

Dear Brother Dixon,

1. Your letter to the Rev. W. Jowett of June 6th duly reached us. The contents of this letter being almost exclusively of an official nature it ought not to have been addressed to us direct, but through the Corr. Comtee. In my letter of Oct. 19/35 you were directed "to address all your official communications to us through the Cor. Comtee; and it was explained that "this course was necessary to enable the local Committee properly to discharge the duties confided to them in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission". You were at the same time left at liberty to write to us direct on any subject in a private and confidential manner. Having received these directions relative to your correspondence, the Comtee cannot but regard the course which you have taken in the letter under consideration

as seriously blameable. The reason why you were directed to communicate with the Comee on official matters through the Corr. Comee was that that body might have an opportunity of addressing to the Parent Comee any explanations or remarks on a communication of a Missionary so transmitted, and thus place the Comee in a situation to judge fairly & equitably by having both sides of the question before it in deciding upon it. This is plainly required by the principles of equity & justice, in order to arrive at a satisfactory decision on any point on which a difference of opinion may exist between a Missionary & the Corr. Committee. But in your letter of the 6th of June you call for a decision upon an ex parte statement, and that statement criminatory of the Corr. Comee, and involving questions relative to the Society's proceedings in the Mission of much importance & difficulty. The great inconvenience, not to say injustice, of such a course is so obvious that we are persuaded that you will on consideration regret having taken it. The Resns adopted by the Comee upon your letter are copied below. From these you will perceive that the Corr. Comee will be apprized of the general tenor of your letter of the 6th of June, and that you are requested to address a letter to us through them containing whatever statements you may think proper to make on any of the points introduced into your letter to Mr. Jowett. We beg you will clearly understand that in thus communicating with the Comee, you will be at perfect liberty to address us in the most free & full manner on every topic on which you may wish to make known your views & wishes to the Comee, whether it relates to your own proceedings or those of the Corr. Comee; employing, as we have no doubt it is your wish to employ, such terms in making your communication as are suitable to the character of a christian Miſsionary in animadverting upon, if he considers himself called upon to do so, the conduct of others. We think we may aſsure you with confidence that you will in this way best satisfy your own conscience, as well as secure a right decision on the matters at iſsue.

2. Under the circumstances adverted to in the preceding Paragraph we abstain from entering into any remarks on the important subjects adverted to in your letter; and which you may aſsure yourself will receive the most kind as well as the most mature consideration of the Comtee so soon as they shall be brought before them in a manner to admit of their being decided upon in a satisfactory manner.

3. We very sincerely sympathize with you on the distreſs & inconvenience to which you were subjected while being settled in your Station in a weak state of health. We trust that through the divine bleſsing your health has been re-established, and that you have been able to prosecute your miſsionary labours with comfort as well as with activity.

Begging our kind regards to Mrs Dixon,

I remain,

Dear Brother,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Church Miſsionary House,
August 13. 1836.

Rev. Meſs. Eckel & Muhlhauser

Dear Brethren,

1. We wrote to you on the 15th ult., of which letter a duplicate is enclosed; and we have now the satisfaction to acknowledge Mr Muhlhauser's of June 2/36.

2. Our letter of June 30/36 will be found to have anticipated a reply to several enquiries contained in your present letter.

3. The course to be taken with regard to buildings for Public Worship will be that pointed out in our letter of the 15th ult. Nothing can therefore be done in the erection of the buildings till Lord Glenelg shall have received a return to his reference to Sir G. F. Hill on the subject, & have communicated his decision to the Committee.

4. It is clear from the statements contained in your letter relative to the baptism of the liberated Africans brought into the Colony, that it is a question of much difficulty. It is however one of an ecclesiastical nature, & on which therefore the Comm.ee have abstained from offering any opinion. In deciding on your course you will, we doubt not, attentively consider the Offices & Rubrics contained in the Book of Common Prayer relative to the "Ministration of Baptism" in connexion with the 27th Article and the 29th Canon, & the judgment of your Diocesan on the subject. The 68th & 69th Canons seem to refer to the children of christian parents. Praying for divine guidance on this difficult question, as we doubt not you will, and applying a calm judgment and an enlightened conscience to the solution of it, with the lights to be derived from the authorities to which we have referred, you will, we trust, be guided to a decision satisfactory to your own minds and conducive to the divine glory. We would only add that while we fully admit the strong argument to be drawn for using considerable latitude in the administration of baptism circumstanced as the persons under consideration are, in order to rescue them from the Roman Catholics & to bring them under salutary religious instruction in the

Protestant Church, yet much caution & wisdom are demanded in the application of it lest in the event you be found "to do evil that good may come."

5. We are glad that Mr. Mühlhäuser has the prospect of obtaining an English Schoolmaster as his Assistant. We hope the Committee may be able to render you some assistance in this way toward the end of the year, though we cannot speak positively at present.

6. Your suggestion relative to Miss Pasche will receive the consideration of the Comm^ee in due season.

With our constant prayers that you may be kept walking with God in the moral wilderness in which you dwell, and that His blessing may rest on your labours,

I remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
September 1. 1836.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. In the absence of Mr. Coates, who is spending some weeks on the Continent, I have the pleasure to acknowledge your letter of 18th July last, this day received.

2. Since our letter of April 20th, which is the latest acknowledged by you, we have written to you under the following dates: June 9th, July 9th, Aug. 4th & Aug. 13th. These letters, which you will have received, we trust, before this, will supersede the necessity of any particular reply to the contents of your present letter. — You will find that in our letter of July 9, besides forwarding the Resolutions of the Comm^ee relative to Mr. May, we

enclosed also an open letter from myself to the Bishop of Jamaica, which will shew you that we wished his Lordship to be made acquainted with what the Comee considered to be an unjustifiable proceeding on Mr Way's part. In the letter of Aug. 5 you will find that the Comee distinctly direct Mr Dixon to replace himself in communication on official matters with the Corr. Comee in Jamaica.

3. Your communications respecting the previous conduct of Mr Dixon are new to us, & cannot but pain & surprise us. There is, however, no opportunity for bringing them & the other points of business contained in your letter, before our Comee at present, as we shall not meet for a few weeks to come.

4. Your communication from the private note of Mr Hausel is also of a nature to grieve us; but being private, I refrain from making any farther remark upon it.

5. It is a consolation to find that you can report well of our other Stations generally; & in particular of those of the Rev. Mr Betts & Mr Holt. May I beg to urge on all the Missionaries & Catechists, through you, what I often request from them in my personal communications, that we earnestly desire to receive from them regular & full journals; that we may both know their affairs, & also be enabled duly to interest the mind of the Christian Public in their Mission.

6. The Rev. Mr Morse arrived in this country on the 23d ult., somewhat benefitted by his voyage, but still in feeble health. He is going into the country to his native air.

7. We shall look forward with much interest to your promised Report on the state & prospects of the Missionary & School Stations. May God direct & preserve you

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in your journeyings; & in the voyage also to this country, which you will have seen from our letter of the 20th ult. the Comm. are hoping that you will be enabled at your convenience to perform. It was their wish that you should not, in such case, give up your Curacy.

8. I have thus recapitulated in brief the principal points of the letter referred to. I beg my kind remembrances to Mrs. Trew,

& remain,

Dear Sir

Yours faithy & affy

William Jowett,

Sec. C.M.S.

P.S. When I began this letter, I was not aware that the Duplicates of the foregoing letters, had been forwarded to you; that of August 13th excepted. Not being able to find the Duplicate of this in the Office, I send you a copy of it by this opportunity.

W. J.

J King Esq

Missionary Ho.
Sept 2nd 1836

Dear Sir

[illegible] boxes from London [illegible] you that a Case of Publications [illegible] shipped in the Waterloo, [illegible] an Invoice is given on the other side, and a Bill of Lading is enclosed.

Relying on your usual kindness to distribute promptly the contents of the package.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Faithfully yours
William Jowett

Church Missionary House,
London, September 8th 1836.

Dear Brother Muhlhauser,

Although the points of business in your Letter of June 2. have not been taken up in Committee, & that of July 16. was only received three days ago, I will not allow the present opportunity to pass without a few lines of a private nature. We all feel the deeply-important position in which you are placed – not only thousands already around you, but thousands more imported from time to time. In vain does the scenery of the Island smile upon you – (you describe Trinidad as most beautiful & healthy) – while iniquity, superstition & misery surround you on every side. Especially your account of Sabbath-desecration affects *my* mind – it brings up Malta fully to my view, such as I entered it one & twenty years ago: *there* some change, only some, for the better, has taken place; chiefly in the circumstance that there are now in that Island more genuine Christians – such as are the salt of the earth: – and thus in less than twenty years may we find it to be the case in Trinidad. Do by all means, dear Brother, whatever may become of other questions & measures, do seek by prayer, & sympathising conversation to draw towards you some humble, devout, sincere hearts, whom you may lead as lambs into the fold of Christ. These will be your joy & crown of rejoicing both now, & eternally. Let us hear if you find any such – even one! "The little one shall become a thousand," is the encouraging promise of our Lord.

I wished also to enquire in what language you & Br. Eckel most ordinarily address your Congregations, & the young: I suppose, English. But in what proportion are any other languages wanted, & which? How is it, as to reading the Scriptures, & Tracts? Have the Roman Catholics much influence in preventing this – & do they put forth that influence?

It seems as if two Missionaries were a small body to confront the opposing forces, which the god of this world can present against you: but remember, dear brother, how much, union in a right cause will in due time, with the blessing of the Captain of our Salvation, effect. I am just writing to our brother Eckel on this very subject: confer with him; & God grant to your united counsels & prayers an abundant answer of blessings!

I remain, Affectionately Yours,
Wm Jowett.

P.S. Though we are not by this opportunity (the Redman) making a Shipment, yet we send you our regular Publications.

Church Missionary House,
London, September 8th 1836.

Dear Brother Eckel,

By the Letter of June 30. from Mr Coates, (who is now on a visit to the Continent to meet our beloved & venerated friend Dr Blumhardt) you would learn the Committee's approval of your & Brother Mühlhauser's being at separate Stations. The remark then made to you, (& which I find in my letter of April 25. I had previously dwelt upon,) will you permit me to urge again? I refer to the great importance of your both maintaining unity. By this I do not mean, an understood unity merely; not a general agreement alone, as taken for granted; but the unity which shall lead you to meet together at suitable opportunities,

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for the blessed, yea, the essential purposes of united pastoral conversation, & prayer. So far as my experience has gone, both abroad & at home, this is essential to our Ministerial well-being: and you two, being so few & so much at the beginning of your course, & in a sphere so destitute of outward means of quickening & consolation, it would seem to require that you should put forth exertion, so as never to be disappointed, God willing, of your meeting together at stated seasons. It occurs to me to suggest, what I have myself always found most helpful, that you & Brother Mühlhauser would do well to have some subject prepared before hand. I suppose you have a post, or messengers. If two or three weeks at the least, beforehand, you had matters already propounded to one another, you would meet with more intelligence & preparedness. Some of your subjects would of course be on ~~subjects of~~ practical business: but I would earnestly counsel you to have also, always, at least one simple Scriptural subject, for it is on such that we, Ministers as well as people, need to have our understandings re-informed, our hearts re-kindled, & our hands strengthened with new strength.

Rev. A. Nickel, Sept. 8/36

Mr. T. Youd, Sept. 12/36

Are we not in great danger of regarding the great points, – such as Man's corruption through original & actual Sin, his redemption through the Atoning blood of Jesus, the regenerating & sanctifying Work of the Holy Ghost, the place occupied by Faith, & the place of Good Works in the plan of Salvation, – are we not apt, I say, to regard these as sufficiently understood by ourselves; & yet do we not need our lights re-trimming here, as well as in the matter of devotion & spiritual experience? I am sure we do; & unless Ministers, in a friendly & brotherly way, stir up one another, we are in great danger of becoming formal, customary & unaffecting in our discourses. I have told Br. Muhlhauser that I am writing to you on this subject; so you will kindly communicate to him what I say. – Let me only add, that if in any thing you should happen to differ in opinion you should both exercise forbearance: I merely say this, not for you two particularly but as a general rule; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. I remain, Affectionately Yours

William Jowett.

P.S. By this opportunity (the Redman) we send the Society's usual Publications.

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Church Missionary House,
London, Septr. 12th 1836.

Dear Mr. Youd,

Though we have heard of your going to Barbadoes, we know not yet whether

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the Bishop has admitted you to Holy Orders. However this may be, I would earnestly hope that your heart is growing to your work, & that all the pastoral graces are increasing in you. Oh, it is indeed a solemn thing to be a Minister of Christ's flock — the flock which He purchased with his own blood! If that flock was so dear to Him, what ought it to be to us also? I have been sometimes deeply affected with that simple expression, descriptive of the indifference of the hireling — "whose own the sheep are not." The want of a sincere personal interest in our charge — (be it a parish, or a Congregation, or, like yours, a "few sheep in the wilderness") is a sure sign of an evil state of heart — a want of love to Christ. Oh, let us closely examine ourselves, & closely watch ourselves: for there may be evil, undetected, in our affections which Providence may draw out to view by circumstances. If ever we have experienced any thing of this kind, let it be to us a solemn memento of our natural instability & unfaithfulness. If we imagine we have witnessed it in others, then "let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed, lest he fall." May the Great Shepherd of the Sheep cause you to grow in humility, in patience, in wisdom, faith & love!

I remain, Very sincerely, yours,

William Jowett.

Church Miss. House,

London, Sep. 18. 1836.

Rev. L. Strong

My dear Sir,

Mr Coates is absent from Town, on a visit to the Continent on the Society's business. I therefore advise you of the Shipment of some Goods, the amount of which you will see in the accompanying Bill of Lading & Invoice.

The Case for Mr Berner is sent to you, under the idea that he may even be with you; though, as you will perceive from the Resolutions of our Committee of July 5/36. we do not quite see our way distinctly. The Lord will make Darkness light, & crooked things straight.

It is, indeed, most consolatory to see that, while difficulties of various kinds do constantly try the faith & patience of the people of God, yet He by his Almighty Power and Inscrutable Wisdom, & Immeasurable Love clears them all away. Thus He has ever done in his own good time; & we are assured

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that He will continue to do so, even unto the end of the World. — In him, therefore, let us humbly confide; commending ourselves & one another to his tender mercies in Christ our Lord. I remain, Dear Sir,

Your faithful & affectionate Brother
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London. Septr. 13. 1836.

Dear Brother Bernau,

Thanks for your letter of May 30th last, and that you kindly remember some short expressions of mine, which now come into your mind in the midst of your labours. I much desire to be profitably remembered by my Missionary Brethren. Them I remember in my prayers, & in many other ways. I heartily sympathize with you, in the sufferings you have had to endure from climate, &c.; but be assured we ever sympathize most tenderly with those who make the least complaining; & you are one of these. O how comfortable is it to ourselves, & to others, & how truly honourable to God Himself, when we can under painful circumstances maintain a thankful, cheerful spirit! It is in times of trial that our faith is shewn both to others, & to our own consciences. "That the trying of your faith, Rev. J H Bernau, Sept. 13/36

Mr. C. Carter, Sept. 13/36.

"being much more precious, than of gold, &c." You remember the passage in 1 Peter 1. As to your present position, & its uncertainties, Mr. Coates has written to you: he is now out of Town, on a visit to Bâsle on the Society's business. The very name of Bâsle will bring to your & Mrs. Bernau's minds most grateful recollections of dear Mr. Blumhardt. However things may be with you outwardly speaking, I trust you have much comfort from the inward assurance that the Word of Christ spoken by you will never be spoken in vain. Already in so short a time you perceive in some unexpected quarters Christ is more known, & more frequently named. Surely God will honour that Name, even beyond what those who name it, think for. But may we, dear brother, while with all our souls we cleave to this Saviour, proclaim Him more & more loudly: and never may the Word in our mouth be like the flesh which the Ravens carried to Elijah - feeding others, but not tasted by ourselves!

Yrs ever affectionately Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
Septr. 13th 1836.

Dear Mr. Carter,

Your letter of the 27 June last is now before me; & I regret to see from it how severely you have been tried by fever. May I hope that

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ere this you are restored, or at least that the approaching cool season will not fail, by God's blessing, to re-instate you in health? It seems at first sight peculiarly painful, just when you were settling to a fixed Station, to be met with illness: but these things are from the Lord: His ways are not our ways: He sometimes stops us, at the very time when we thought all was going on prosperously: at other times He is glorifying His own work, when we were almost ready to despair. I do not exactly know to what you may be alluding, as existing in print, which the Bishop of Barbados dwelt on, in his conversation with you. Can you point me to the passage? Is it any thing in our Reports or C.M. Record? — On the whole I would suggest that your Journals should both state facts, & feelings — especially the religious experiences of those with whom you converse, & who are in any way deriving benefit from your labours. We, in this House, will make a discreet use of such communications: we will not blazon you forth, but whatever tends to exalt the Saviour, while

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man is brought & kept low, we shall be glad to use for the profiting of our blessed cause. Write, therefore, fully & freely to us, in this Spirit.

I remain,
Yours very truly,
Wm. Jowett.

The Rev. H. Beeman.

Church Missionary House.
London, Septr. 16th 1836.

Dear Brother Beeman,

I wrote to you on the 13th Instt.; but as I find the Ship is detained a few days longer, I take the opportunity of acknowledging your letter of July 22. last to Mr Coates, who is still on the Continent. You will ere this have received his letter of July 15/35, in which he communicated the Resolution of the Committee "that you should not proceed to the erection of Schoolhouses, or take any other steps, involving the outlay of any considerable sum of money for a permanent object, until the course of the Committee with regard to your Station be clearly ascertained."

The same letter alludes to our Indian Mission at Bertica Point, as one ~~to~~ which the Commee might deem eligible for your future labours. I have thus referred to the topics of that Letter, as it does not appear certain whether a Duplicate of it has been sent you: I trust, however, the Original will have safely reached you.

Your trials have been, indeed, not small; & that from the very first. But grace has been given you from the first, & day by day, & will not be withheld from you in future. Nay, it will be imparted to you more & more abundantly according to your need. The one, standing promise of our Lord, is strong enough for all the generations of believers to build on, "My grace is sufficient for thee"!

With kindest remembrance to Mrs Berman, believe me to remain, Affectionately yours,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
November 1. 1836.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir.

1. Since the despatch of Mr Jowett's letter of Sept. 9/36, the following communications from the Mission have reached us:—

Your letters of Aug. 9, & July 30/36.
Ext. from Min. of Corr. Committee, July 28/36, & July 29/36.
Your letter to Mr Seddon June 10/36.
J. King Esqr. letters of July 30 & Aug. 9/36.
Rev. C. Hansel's letter of Aug. 1/36, & to you of July 15/36 & late Aug.
Rev. H. Dixon's letters to you of July 11 & 19/36.
Rev. J. F. Sessing's letter of July 12/36.
Mr Seddon's letters of June 26, & Aug. 16/36; & to you of June 10, June 20, & July 12/36.
Mr Hollis' letter of July 5/36, & one to you of June 27/36.
Mr Pollitt's letter to you of June 29/36.
Mr Newman's letters to you of July 12/36 & no date.
Report of the Normal School, Knockalva, & Berman Wood.
Certificate of Rev. W. Morse's health, June 5/36.

2. Though circumstances compel me to write at present very briefly, there are some points on which I must communicate with you by this Packet.

3. The communications before us have led to the adoption

of a series of Resolutions in reference to them by the Commee of Correspondence. An opportunity has not yet been afforded of proposing them to the General Committee for confirmation; but as I have no reason to expect that that confirmation will be withheld, I enclose a copy of them for your information, tho' you will not of course act upon them until actually confirmed, of which I hope to apprise you by the Packet on the 15th inst.

4. The 2d Resolution refers to a request of Mr. Haensel's to receive a Testimonial from us on leaving the Society. More on this subject in my next letter.

5. Your statement respecting Swanswick has been confidentially communicated to Mr. E.K. Clarke as directed in the 3d Resolution. He sees no means of effecting the changes which appear to be indispensable in order to admit of the Society's occupying Swanswick as a Station.

6. I postpone remarking on the other Resolutions at present.

7. H. M. Government have just agreed to advance to the Society in aid of West Indies education the same sum which was granted last year. The grant however is differently appropriated. Lord Glenelg has consented that £1200 of the present grant should be applied to the payment of Schoolmasters' Salaries at the rate of £50 per ann. for each; that amount being considered as about one third of a Schoolmaster's salary, on an average of that assigned to all classes, European & Coloured, married & unmarried. We trust the Corr. Commee will be enabled so to arrange the Jamaica Catechists' salaries as not materially to exceed this average. The Govt. grant for the last & present years having provided, on the terms in which it was made, for the erection of 24 Schoolhouses, the grant just mentioned provides, at the rate assumed, for one third of the salary of each, for the current year. Government has this year sanctioned the erection of seven additional Schoolhouses in Jamaica on the

same terms as last year; i.e. of £166 for each or two thirds of the cost, estimated at £250. The amount therefore of £1162 falls to the share of Jamaica, for the Govt. proportion of the seven additional Schoolhouses. As nine schoolhouses were sanctioned last year, £800 out of the present year's grant will be the Government proportion of schoolmasters' salaries in Jamaica for the year at the rate stated.

8. The Committee have made arrangements for adding one Missionary & three Catechists to the Jamaica Mission this year, of whom two of the Catechists are married. As Mr. Weichter, the Ordained Missionary, will not be admitted to Priest's Orders till Christmas, he cannot come out till after that period, and domestic circumstances will detain the two married Catechists till about the same time. The unmarried Catechist will probably take his departure in a few weeks hence.

9. I regret that we are still without a return of the particulars specified in Sec. 6 of Par. 6 of our letter of Nov. 20/35. It is absolutely necessary that we should be furnished with the most specific information as to the site, cost, size &c. of the schoolhouses to the erection of which Government contributes. We earnestly beg attention to this point as information has been repeatedly called for by Lord Glenelg which we could not supply.

10. We beg also to remind you that we have never received a detailed account of the expenses of the Mission for the year 1835. The Abstract in the printed Report is much too general for the purpose. It should exhibit the cost of each Station, distinguishing the salaries of each individual & other items so as to leave as little under the head of sundries as possible. The importance of this information will we trust plead our excuse with Mr. King for being so importunate to obtain it.

11. We are glad to learn that you have engaged the services of two hopeful Catechists on the spot. The advantages

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of that course where it is practicable are desired.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.

Rev. Messrs Muhlhauser & Hekel

Church Missionary House,
November 1. 1836.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our letter of Aug. 12/36, of which a Duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from you have reached us:-

Rev. J.G. Muhlhauser's letters of July 18/36, & Aug. 11/36.
——— " ——— to the Governor, July 27/36 & Aug. 15/36.
Rev. A. Hekel's letters of July 1 & Aug. 12/36.
The Governor's letters to Mr. Muhlhauser.

2. We hope to write more fully by the Packet on the 15th than circumstances admit of our doing now. Our principal object in addressing you at present is, to apprise you that the Comtee have set apart two married Catechists, Messrs Mc Arthur & Williams, who will probably take their departure in the course of the present month. It is intended that one should be associated with one of you & the other with the other. You will therefore consider where they can be located so as most advantageously to administer instruction to the people as Catechists & Schoolmasters, & where you can most conveniently superintend & direct their proceedings.

3. H. M. Government have granted the same sum as last year for the erection of two additional schoolhouses in Trinidad; i.e. £330 Stg. being two thirds of the cost, estimating the entire expenditure of each schoolhouse at

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£250 Stg.

4. We entirely approve of your obtaining pecuniary assistance from the people in the erection of Schoolhouses. Not only will the funds of the Society be in this way husbanded; but the people will naturally take more interest in the success of a school to the establishment of which they have thus contributed.

5. Government have also allowed out of the Parliamentary Grant £50 Stg. per annum on account of the salary of each Master of the two schools formed last year & of the two to be formed this. This allowance is made on the assumption that the average rate of Schoolmasters' salaries including all classes, European & Coloured, married & unmarried, will not exceed about £150 Stg. per annum. You will however settle the salaries as well as all other parts of your expenditure, on the most economical footing you can.

6. Please to furnish us, as early as possible, with an accurate statement of the site of the building, its cost, number of scholars which it will contain, & all other particulars specified in former letters for the information of H. M. government. We have been repeatedly applied to by Lord Glenelg for that information without being able to supply it.

We have thus briefly replied to those parts of your letters which more immediately require to be noticed & hope to write more fully in our next.

We remain
Dear Brethren,
Truly & affy Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Instructions to Messrs. Williams & McArthur, proceeding to Trinidad, Delivered Oct. 25/36 (See W. African Letter Book. p. 63.

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Church Missionary House,
November 11. 1836.

Messrs. Williams & Mr. Arthur

Dear Brethren,

We enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Comee which were delivered to you on the 28th ult. These Mr. Arthur is requested to copy on the passage, that each may be in possession of them.

2. Agreeably to the tenor of your Instructions, you will respectively act under the direction & superintendence of the Missionary in whose district you may be placed. They will provide what may be necessary in the way of outfit in addition to that which you take out with you. They also will arrange relative to your residence & all necessary supplies; & from them you will receive the pecuniary supplies to meet your necessary expenses. It is the wish of the Comee that you should each keep a journal of your proceedings made up to Mar. 31st, June 30th, Sept. 30th, & Dec. 31st, & transmit it to them through the Missionaries immediately after the expiration of each quarter.

3. The sum of £25 is placed in the hands of Mr. Williams to meet any expenses to which the party may be subjected after you leave London. For the expenditure of this money you will account to Messrs. Muhlhauser & Cokel & pay over to them any balance which may remain after defraying the expenses incurred on your landing in Trinidad.

4. The Comee especially recommend Miss Parke to your care & kind offices during the voyage, & on her arrival in Trinidad until she shall be joined by Mr. Muhlhauser.

5. We enclose a letter to the Rev. Mr. Cummins, the Chaplain at Port of Spain, who will, we doubt not, kindly give you such information & counsel as you may require, should neither of the Missionaries be on the spot.

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6. The Committee wish you to proceed to your Stations with as little delay as may be after your arrival at Port of Spain.

7. The Committee wish you on the voyage to avail yourselves of every suitable opportunity for promoting the spiritual profit of those with whom you sail. You will be supplied with Bibles, Prayer books, & Tracts for the use of the Crew. It will however be necessary for you to bear in mind that you can only hold intercourse with the Crew for administering religious instruction to them, with the sanction of the Captain. This however we doubt not that prudent, conciliatory & christian conduct on your part will not fail to gain.

8. We shall be glad to hear from you when you leave the ship.

9. Have the kindness to communicate this letter to Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel.

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Praying that the divine blessing may abundantly rest on yourselves & your labours, I remain,

Dear Brn.
Very truly Yrs

Church Missionary House,
London, November 11th. 1836.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to inform your Lordship that Mr. Joseph Williams, & Mr. J. L. MacArthur, who are immediately about to depart for Trinidad, have been appointed by the Committee to labour as Catechists in that

Island, in conjunction with the Revd. Messrs. Mühlhaüsen & Eckel. I have the honour to be,

My Lord,
The Rt. Reverend Your Lordship's most obedient faithful servant
the Lord Bishop of Barbados. William Jowett,
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House, London,
November 11th 1836.

Rev. G. Cummins

Rev. & Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to request your kind attention & services to the Bearers of this Letter, Messrs. Williams & MacAlister, who have been appointed to labour as Catechists in Trinidad in conjunction with the Rev. Messrs. Mühlhauser & Eckel. Your kindness to these last-mentioned Gentlemen assures us that you will readily yield to our present request. I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully
W. Jowett
Sec. C.M.S.

P.S. They are likewise accompanied by Miss Busk, the intended wife of the Revd. Mühlhauser.

Church Missionary House,
Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel
November 11. 1836.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our letter of the 1st inst., by packet, your letters of Sept. 5th & 19th, & the documents which they covered, have reached us. A duplicate of our last letter is enclosed.

2. This will be delivered to you by Meſsrs. Williams and Mc Arthur, who, with their wives, come out to be aſsociated with you as Catechists & Schoolmasters. A copy of the Comee. Instructions to them is enclosed. You will hence see that one is to be located with one of you, & the other with the other. It may perhaps be convenient to you that we should suggest that Mr. Williams, the senior Catechist, should be aſsociated with Mr. Muhlhauser, the Senior Miſsionary, & Mr. Mc Arthur with Mr. Eckel. Their more especial duty will be to form Schools & to administer religious instruction suitably to their lay character. The Comee. are particularly anxious that they should introduce Infant Schools. In this part of their work especially we trust that their wives will render material aſsistance.

3. The Comee., having acceded to Mr. Muhlhauser's request that Miſs Packe should join him this season, have availed themselves of Meſsrs. Williams & Mc Arthur's coming out for her doing so.

4. The Comee. request that you will supply Meſsrs. Williams & Mc Arthur with what may be farther neceſsary in the way of outfit, for settling them at their respective Stations, & to meet their subsequent expenses. In all this you will study the most rigid economy that is consistent with a due regard to health, & to enable these friends efficiently to discharge their duties.

5. We enclose Forms of Returns for the Miſsion, which you will have the kindneſs to make up to the 31st of Dec. 1836, & transmit to us by the earliest Packet afterward. We request you will pay particular attention to make up the Returns fully & accurately.

6. We do not perceive anything in Mr. Muhlhauser's letter of June 7/36 to which a reply has not been given, unleſs it be his enquiry relative to an Infant School. This is met by the Instructions of the Catechists now coming out. It only

seems necessary to add that the Infant school should be the Societys, in the same way as others. For this however as well as for all other parts of your work you will obtain as much local pecuniary & other aid as possible.

7. We are quite aware that many new & difficult duties have been imposed upon you by the peculiar circumstances of the Mission in which you are engaged. From those of a more secular kind you will, we anticipate, be materially relieved as the Mission advances. The arrival of Mess.rs Williams & Mc Arthur will, we apprehend, enable you to devolve many things of this description upon them, to which you have hitherto been obliged to attend yourselves. We see much reason to be satisfied with the course which you have pursued since you entered on your labours, & you may be assured the Committee will always be ready to give the kindest consideration to the reasons which govern your conduct on occasions when you are obliged to act on your own responsibility. The situation however in which you are placed renders it peculiarly important that you should "dwell together in unity", that you may fully enjoy the advantage of each others counsel & judgment.

8. With reference to the Churches in your respective Districts, we can say nothing farther at present, not having had an opportunity of referring to the Committee on the subject since the receipt of your last letter.

I remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Rev. R. Panton.

Church Missionary House
November 15. 1836.

My Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 1st inst.; of that letter a duplicate is enclosed; & of the Res.ns to which it refers. We have received no communication from you since that date.

2. The Comm.ees Res.ns of Oct. 18 & 25/36, above referred to, received the confirmation of the General Comm.ee yesterday.

3. The course pursued by the Rev. C. L. F. Haensel in relinquishing his connexion with the Society on grounds so utterly insufficient, & voluntarily quitting a sphere of very important usefulness for which he was peculiarly qualified, has occasioned the Comm.ee deep concern. They had however no alternative but to acquiesce in his determination, as they could not alter the constitution of the Corr. Comm.ee consistently with their view of its functions & duties. Adverting also to the course pursued by Mr. H. with reference to the West Africa Mission, they could not but fear that had it been practicable for them to meet his wishes in this particular, some other circumstance would have arisen to render him uneasy & dissatisfied. At the same time they entertain for Mr. Haensel personally the most unfeigned respect, & estimate highly his piety, talents, & diligence in the discharge of the duties which have been confided to him during his connexion with the Society. They feel therefore much satisfaction in transmitting the Testimonial requested by him in his letter to me of Oct. 8/36.

4. Res.ns 5 & 6 respecting Mr. Seddon are so full that little need be said in reference to them. While the Comm.ee have been constrained to blame his conduct in the particulars referred to, they have that confidence in his Christian character that they encourage the strongest hopes that the judgment of his conduct expressed in the Res.ns, & the admonitory letter therein directed, & which is herewith enclosed, will convince him of the errors into which he had been betrayed & render his future course conformable to his character & obligations as a Missionary Teacher. Under these impressions the Comm.ee have not deemed it necessary to suspend their sanction to his being

proposed to the Bishop of Jamaica as a Candidate for Holy Orders, only reserving it to the Corr. Comee to determine the period at which he should be presented to the Bishop. Should the Corr. Comee feel satisfied with the state of Mr. Seddon's mind after the communication to him of the Comee's decision & views respecting him, we see no reason why he should not go up for Orders at Christmas, as originally contemplated.

5. We trust from your recent communications that matters will have been placed on such a footing between the Corr. Comee & the Rev. H. C. Dixon that no further steps respecting him will be requisite on the part of the Parent Comee. At all events nothing farther will be done by them till they shall have received a return to the Secy's letter of the 9th & 13th of August.

6. The Commee very cordially approved of your appointment to the Jama Secretaryship on the terms of the Comee's Resolution July 28/36, & trust that this arrangement will, through the divine blessing, be attended with much benefit to the Mission.

7. The Comee have judged it advisable to refer the appointment of the Rev. Messrs Yates & Stone to the Corr. Comee themselves, in the confidence that ~~have~~ Messrs Y. & S. would not have been proposed for that office had not the Corr. Comee had entire confidence in their concurrence in judgment & sentiment with the Parent Comee in reference to the carrying on of the Society's operations in Jamaica.

8. The Comee are very anxious that the Normal School should be placed on an efficient footing on Mr. Haensel's quitting it. As a reference has been made to the Rev. W. K. Betts' taking charge of it at least for a season, the Comee are prepared to acquiesce in his doing so, should no other means present themselves for providing for the efficiency of this Institution. The Comee however feel that Mr. Betts' removal from Knockalva is so very undesirable, unless absolutely necessary, as he appears to be pursuing his labours there in a very satisfactory manner, that they request the Corr. Comee carefully to consider whether they can provide advantageously for the Normal School without his removal. The Corr. Comee however will bear in

mind that the Comee. consider the placing the Normal School on an efficient footing to be an object of primary importance, & are therefore to be provided for in the best manner that the means at your disposal will admit.

I remain
My dear Sir Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Secy. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House
London, November 15th. 1836.

My dear Sir,

Agreeably to your request, I address to you, by direction of our Committee, (which you are at liberty to use as you may see fit,) and these few lines, by which they gladly express their sense of most sincere personal regard to you, and the high estimate they entertain of your piety, talents, & laborious diligence in the discharge of your duties, ever since the commencement of your relation to our Society in the year 1826. — I remain, dear Sir,

The Reverend
C. L. F. Haensel.

Yours affectionately & faithfully
William Jowett,
Secretary to C. M. S.

Church Missionary House,
London, Novr. 15th. 1836.

Dear Mr. Seddon,

Your various recent communications have duly reached us, & have fully been considered in our Committee. I think you will not feel surprised, having had now a good while to reflect upon them yourself, to learn that their tone, & some parts of the contents of them, occasioned much pain to us.

The course which the Committee take in consequence of them will be fully explained to you by Mr Panton, to whom we write by this opportunity. You will find from our communication through him, that the Committee have aimed to put the most favourable construction on every thing which you may have unguardedly said, especially in reference to your turning elsewhere, should the Bishop of Jamaica refuse you Ordination. Your letter to Mr. Panton of last July 12. respecting Mr. & Mrs. Dixon was of a character which we could not but disapprove. Your opening a direct communication with the Bishop's Chaplain was a course wholly at variance with the Society's plan; as every official communication of this nature should pass through the Corresponding Committee. Notwithstanding these circumstances, the Committee venture to believe, from their former intercourse with you that "the root of the matter" is so truly in you, that they interpose no hindrance to your being presented to the Bishop as a Candidate, by the Corresponding Committee, should they feel satisfied as to your Christian spirit, &

at the time they may judge suitable.

Your Letter of Aug. 16/36, being of an Official Character, ought to have been ~~addressed~~ transmitted through the Corresponding Committee. Have the goodness to bear this Regulation in mind.

Before I conclude, permit me, my dear Sir, very particularly to press upon you the necessity, not only of every thing being done by rule, but done also with gentleness of word & manner. Nothing touched me so deeply in reading some parts of your Letters, & observing the Spirit which seemed to carry you along while writing them, as the thought — "Why! haste & impetuosity are the very "tempers which a Missionary would be the first to "deplore & to correct in the Native Character of the Negroes!" — Be very, very careful, therefore, lest, through the infirmity of the flesh, suffering also excitement from the heat of the climate, you should give way to such dispositions. Avoid all conversations with friends, that might nurture grudgings & complainings. Pray for grace that you may be made perfectly like the blessed Jesus, whose Soul was gentle as a lamb.

You see I have written you a full & friendly Letter. May God bless you & your Partner, is the sincere prayer of Yours most truly Wm Jowett.

Rev J. H. Bernau, Natives 200

Church Miſsionary House,
November 18. 1836.

Dear Brother Bernau,

1. We last wrote to you under date of July 16/36, since which yours of July 22/36 has reached us. A Duplicate of our last letter is enclosed.

2. Your last letter having brought your present circumstances again under the consideration of the Comee, they adopted the Resn copied below, in reference to them. You will hence perceive that they are confirmed in their judgment previously formed that a suitable sphere of miſsionary labour is not open to you in Berbice, & that arrangements should be made for your proceeding to join the Indian Miſsion at Bartica Point, should nothing arise on the part of the Bishop of Barbados to render it advisable to change this course. We have not yet heard from his Lordship in reply to a letter addreſsed to him in consequence of the Comee's Resn of July 5/36; but do not anticipate any objection on his part to the views of the Comee with regard to your future location & labours.

3. The freedom & unreserve of your communications are extremely gratifying to the Comee; & we trust that you will uniformly pursue this course in all your intercourse with them. They also feel truly thankful to observe the prudence & judgment combined with firmneſs and decision, which through divine grace has characterized your course under circumstances in no small degree trying & difficult.

4. Mr Armstrong has diſsolved his connexion with the Society. We trust you will find in Mr Youd a fellow labourer with whom you will be able cordially & comfortably to co-operate. We suppose that he has ere now been admitted to Deacon's Orders by the Bishop of Barbados, though information of the circumstance has not yet reached us.

5. The following Bills have been presented from you

since you left England. We particularize them in order to enable you to check your own Account: –

June 12/35	£50.	March 18/36	£10
July 20/	60	March 23/	50
Aug. 17/	75	March 1/	50
Oct. 2/	50	May 7/	60
Sept. 22	17	June 21	60
Dec. 10	85	July 22/	23
Jan. 5/36	60	Aug. 5/	60

Sept. 8/36 – £50.

6. Miss Paske is just on the point of embarkation to join Mr Muhlhauser in Trinidad, with two married Catechists destin for that island.

Begging our kind regards to Mrs Beman, & assuring you of our constant prayers on your behalf,

I remain,

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,

November 15. 1836.

Dear Brother Mühlhäuser,

1. We wrote to you & Mr Lokel on the 11th inst. by Messrs Williams & Mc Arthur; of which letter a duplicate is enclosed. We have no new communication from you to acknowledge.

2. Our object in writing now is to prepare you to expect Miss Paske's arrival, who accompanies Messrs Williams & Mc Arthur, as the Packet will probably arrive out before the ship in which they take their passage.

I remain,

Dear Brother,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Rev L. Strong; Nov 15/36
Mr J. Armstrong. Nov 15/36

Church Missionary House,
November 15. 1836.

Rev. L. Strong

My dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you under date of July 16/36. Since that period the following communications from Demerara have reached us:—

Mr J. Armstrong's letter of July 19/36.
Mr C. Carter's of June 27/36.
" Journal, Apl. to June/36.

A Duplicate of our last letter is enclosed.

2. Mr Armstrong having in his letter of July 19/36 declined to pursue that course in the discharge of his duties which was directed by the Committee, they adopted the Resn. copied below respecting him. It is very painful to them thus to close their connexion with one from whom they had expected better things. We shall however rejoice to find that a sphere of usefulness is opened to him in some other though disconnected from the Church Missionary Society.

3. We are looking forward to the Rev. J.H. Bernau's joining the Indian Mission; but the matter is not yet finally settled.

I remain
My dear Sir
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates

Mr J. Armstrong.

Church Missionary House,
London, Novr 15th 1836.

My dear Sir,

By direction of our Committee, I write to acquaint you that they acquiesce in your relinquishment of your connexion with the Society.

I cannot perform this duty, which is a painful one, without begging of you seriously & dispassionately to review the past; and if that retrospect should bring with it some humbling & warning thoughts to your mind, cherish them: for they are the best & the safest. At the same time I am persuaded that you will feel that the very little which I thus suggest to you, is written from a motive of genuine Christian affection. Wherever I may hear of your being placed, I shall sincerely wish for your truest welfare, & that God may both fit you for his service, & bless you in it.

With kind regards to Mrs Armstrong,
believe me to be,
faithfully yours,
Wm Jowett.

Rev. J. Pollitt, Dec. 1/36

Church Missionary House,
December 1. 1836.

Dear Mr Pollitt,

1. We have duly received your letter to the Rev. W. Jowett of Oct. 1/36, & were glad to receive the information respecting your station & labours which it contains. Its general contents will be replied to by Mr Jowett in due course. My object in now address-ing you is to remind you that in the mode of transmitting your letter you have, doubtless through inadvertency, deviated from the course directed in Par. 6 of my letter to Mr Paul, Dec. 2/35, which you were requested to copy for your own information & guidance. That paragraph is as follows:

"You will have the kindness to address all your official communications to us through the Corr. Comee. This course is necessary to enable the local Commee properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Commee in superintending & directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private & confidential manner."

To the course herein directed, the Commee request that you will in future strictly adhere. Without doing so, serious inconvenience must arise. I write the more freely because it is not to censure what you have written, but merely to guard against an irregularity in the mode of conducting your correspondence. Your letter to which I am now referring is almost exclusively on the duties of your station, & is precisely of that description which should, according to the Regulation of the Committee, pass through the Corr. Committee. You will therefore have the kindness in future to transmit all such letters unsealed to the Rev. T. Dealtry, for transmission to the Committee through him, & strictly limit any communication forwarded direct either to Mr Jowett or myself according to the terms of the above paragraph in my letter to Mr Paul.

With kind regards to Mrs Pollitt, & our cordial prayers for your future career faithfully,

I remain,

Dear Sir

Truly & affy Yours,

Church Missionary House,

December 1. 1836.

Dear Mr. Holt,

1. We have duly received your letter to the Rev. W. Jowett of Aug. 29/36, & were glad to receive the information respecting your station & labours which it contained. Its general contents will be replied to by Mr. Jowett in due course. My object in now addressing you is to remind you that in the mode of transmitting your letter you have, doubtless through inadvertency, deviated from the course directed in Par. 6 of my letter to Mr. Paul of Dec. 2/34, which you were directed to copy for your own information & guidance. That Par. is as follows:

"You will have the kindness to address all your official communications to us through the Corr. Committee. This course is necessary to enable the local Committee properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Comm.ee in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private & confidential manner."

To the course herein directed, the Comm.ee request that you will in future strictly adhere. Without doing so, serious inconvenience must arise. I write the more freely, because it is not to censure what you have written, but merely to guard against an irregularity in the mode of conducting your correspondence. Your letter, to which I am now referring, is almost exclusively on the duties of your station, & is precisely of that description which should, according to the regulation of the Committee, pass through the Corr. Committee. You will therefore have the kindness in future to transmit all such letters unsealed to the Rev. R. Anderson, for transmission to the Comm.ee through him, & strictly limit any communication forwarded direct either to Mr Jowett or myself according to the terms of the above paragraph in my letter to Mr Reed.

With kind regards to Mrs Hall, & our constant prayers for your future welfare & usefulness,

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly & affecty Yours,

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,

December 1. 1838.

Rev R Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our letter of the 16th ult., of which a duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from Jamaica have reached us:

Your letter of Oct. 10/38, & one to Mr Reed, Oct. 11/38.

Rev. W. Reed to you, Oct. 4/38. Mr Hall's letter, Aug. 29/38.

Your Circular to the Missrs, Oct. 10/38.

Annl Accts for year ending, Dec. 25/37.

Mr Sedland's letter, Oct. 4/38. Mr Pollitt's letter, Oct. /38.

Weekly Register, Oct 10/38.

2. We were very much concerned to learn the painful situation in which your connexion with us had placed you with regard to your Diocesan. With so good a cause however as that contained in your letter to the Rev. W. Reed of Oct. 10/38, we cannot be apprehensive of the result. We are truly thankful that, under circumstances in no small degree trying, you were enabled so well to combine Courtesy & forbearance with firmness in vindicating yourself from the charges contained in Mr Reed's letter of Oct. 4/38.

3. We have received from the Rev. W. Reed a reply to the Rev. W.

Powell's letter to the Bishop of Jamaica of July 1/36, relative to the Rev. C. T. May. A copy of it is given below for the information of the Corr. Comm.ee on this point. You will perceive with pain that its character is so similar to that of the letter addressed by Mr Reed to yourself.

4. We are sorry to seem importunate relative to the Acc.t Current of the Mission, & the particulars of the Gov.t Schoolhouses. Par. 10 of our last letter will explain what we wish.

5. With regard to the Accounts, we received from the Corr. Com.ee an account made up in the form we desire, from Mar. 1/28 to Dec. 31/29 – a subsequent one from Jan. 1/30 to Nov. 30/30 – & one from Dec. 1/30 to Nov. 30/31. It is a continuation of this Account which we want, made up in the same way, & transmitted as soon after it is closed as practicable. Without an account thus made up in detail, we are uninformed of the ratio of expenditure in the Mission under the several heads, & are unable to answer the enquiries of members on this head. We have just received a letter of enquiry as to the ratio of our expenditure under the different heads in its West India Mission, to which we are unable to reply for want of such a detailed statement of Acc.t from you as that referred to. We should be glad to receive the back Acc.ts in yearly portions from Nov. 30/31; when the last account of this description which we have received closes.

6. The particulars respecting Schoolhouses are those specified in our letter of Nov. 30/36, Par. 6 § 6.7. We have been again & again called on by Gov.t to give them this information, & it is important in every view that we should be able to do so fully & accurately.

7. We feel obliged for the steps which you have taken to comply with the request contained in Par. 8 of my letter of Aug. 1/36, relative to the salaries & allowances of Missionaries & Catechists. In transmitting the information, we request you will accompany it with such remarks & explanations as may put us fully in possession of the several heads of expenditure.

8. We perceive from the tenor of the letters of Mess.rs Holt and Pettitt, that they have not duly attended to the directions we

pecting their "correspondence" contained in Par. 6 of my letter to Mr. Paul of Dec. 2/38, & which they were requested to copy for their information & guidance. I have therefore addressed a few lines to each of them on this head, which are enclosed. The serious inconvenience which has arisen from the Rev. H. Dignum's & Mr. E. Seddon's error in this respect, shows the importance of a strict adherence to the Comm^ttee's Regulation on the subject.

Praying that you & all our friends may be strengthened, guided, & abundantly blessed in all your important & arduous duties,

I remain,

My dear Sir,
Truly & affec^ly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

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Church Missionary House,
December 8. 1838.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir

1. No communication from Jamaica has reached us since the despatch of our last letter, of which a duplicate is enclosed. We also enclose duplicates of our letters to Messrs Holt & Pollitt of the same date.

2. By the ship which takes this, the "Thistle", Capt. Charles, we forward the usual publications to the present date, & some copies of "School-Lessons" for the use of the Mission. These lessons were originally prepared by the late Mrs Kilham, for the use of the schools in West Africa; & appearing to be well calculated for the West Indies' population, they have, with the consent of the proprietors, been reprinted by the Committee for the use of our schools there. We shall be glad to have the judgment of our friends respecting them.

3. I omitted to state in my last letter that in Mr. Stebbing's Oct. 29th, (then acknowledged), he expressed a wish to be allowed to visit his friends in this country on account of afflicting domestic circumstances. The matter has not yet been

brought before the Comm^ee and I mention the circumstance only to apprise you of the fact, in case you should not be previously aware of it.

4. Circumstances have occurred which will, we fear, prevent one of the Catechists mentioned in Par: 8 of my letter of the 8th ult. from joining the Mission this season. The Rev. C. W. Winckler & the other Catechist will sail we expect at the close of this month or early in the next.

5. The following Bills on account of the Mission have reached us since those particularized in Par. 4 of our letter of Aug. 8/36:-

May 24/36	J King, Esq.	£35	July 30	J Kingly Esq.	£350
June 30	do	40	Aug. 8	do	£235.7.2
July 14	do	300	—	do	£70 —

Aug. 9/36 J Kingly. £300.

6. Advances having at different times been made here on account of the Missionaries and Catechists, we enclose their several Accounts Current, that they may be adjusted by repayment to the Corr. Comm^ee out of their respective salaries. The sum of £40 was, at Mr Seddon's request, some time since paid to the Rev. W. Marsh, Birmingham, on his account. Have the kindness to apprise him that, by the direction of the Comm^ee, it was a loan & not a grant, & that he is consequently debited with the amount in the Account now transmitted. I regret that, through inadvertence, he was not apprised of the nature of the advance before.

I remain,

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

L. Sec.

Rev. Charles W. Winckler & Messrs. Gillies & Corner.

Church Missionary House,
Dec. 27th 1836.

Dear Brethren,

1. We enclose the Instructions of the Committee delivered to Mr. Winckler & Mr. Gillies, Oct. 25/36. These Mr. Corner was directed by the Committee to-day to consider as likewise addressed to him and a copy of them has been given to him for his information & guidance. Mr. Gillies will have the kindness to transcribe on the voyage for his own use the copy given to Mr. Winckler.

2. We also enclose a Letter to the Bishop of Jamaica making Mr. Winckler's appointment to the Jamaica Mission known to his Lordship. This Letter Mr. Winckler is requested to hand to the Revd. R. Panton, Secretary of the Corrd. Comee., to be by him transmitted to the Bishop, as the Parent Committee have charged the Corrd. Comee. with the duty of communicating with the Bishop on all matters relative to the Society's proceedings in the Diocese. This course, therefore, you will all strictly adhere to in all your future proceedings in the Mission.

3. £[illegible] will be given you to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on any unforeseen occasion or money previously to your arrival in Jamaica. For this, or the balance of it, if any be expended, you will have the kindness to account to the Corrd. Comee.

4. The Committee will be glad to find that you are able to make yourselves useful on ship board to your fellow passengers & the crew. You will, however, bear in mind that you can do nothing in the Ship without the sanction of the Captain. By a judicious, kind, & conciliatory course, there is little doubt but this would be obtained; but any indication of a disposition to act independently of him would be likely to close the door against you.

5. Write to us before you leave the channel, if an opportunity offers, to acknowledge your Instructions, and inform us of your circumstances. At all events by the first packet after your arrival in Jamaica.

6. You are directed in your Instructions to transmit all your

official communications through the Corr. Comm.ee, and to this course it is requisite that you should strictly adhere; but you will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject of a private or confidential nature.

7. We also enclose a Letter to the Rev. R. Panton, Sec. of the Corr. Comm.ee and one to J. King Esq., Treasurer of that body. As Mr. Panton lives in the country, you will have the kindness on your landing to deliver to Mr. King the Letter addressed to him, and take his instructions as to your immediate course.

With our prayers for your future welfare & usefulness,

We remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Church Missionary House

Dec. 27. 1836.

Rev R Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of the 8th Inst. by the "Thisby". No communication from the Mission has reached us since that date.

2. This Letter is given in charge to Rev. C. W. Winckler, Mr. Corner, & Mr. James Gillies, whose arrival in the Mission our former Letters will have led you to expect. A fourth, Mr. Hawkins, is likely to be detained in this country for some time longer by his private affairs. A copy of the Instructions to these Missionaries is enclosed and also of our Letter of this day's date covering the transmission of them. The choice of their Stations is referred to the Corr. Comm.ee, in full confidence that in selecting them they will be governed by those general considerations pointed out in our former Letters whereby the Missionaries may expect, under the divine blessing, to be most extensively & permanently useful. A Letter from the Rev. W. Jowett to the Bishop is given to the Missionaries, making him acquainted with their arrival in the Diocese. This Letter Mr. Winckler is directed to hand to you to be by you transmitted to the Bishop with such statements & explanations relative to the Stations and

labours of the parties as the Cor. Comm.tt may deem advisable.

3. In Mr. D. Seddon's Letter to me direct of Oct. 15th, referred to in my Letter of the 8th Inst., he applies for permission to visit this country chiefly with the view of attending to the affairs of his Parents, which he considers to require his presence. It does not appear to the Committee from Mr. Seddon's statements that there is any sufficient reason for his taking this step. They have however instituted inquiries into the state of his family in order to be better able to judge what is really required by the circumstances of the case. I hope to apprise you of the result by the Packet on the 1st Prox.

I remain,

Dear Sir

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House

London, Dec. 27. 1836.

J. King, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I beg to introduce to you the Rev. C. R. Winckler, & Messrs. Corner & Gillies, who come out to strengthen the Jamaica Mission. Have the kindness to give them the necessary directions with regard to their proceedings. Mr. Winckler has in charge a Letter to the Rev. R. Panton, explanatory of the views of the Committee respecting himself & his Brethren.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Dec. 28/36. Bp. Jamaica
Jan. 2/37. Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
London, December 28th 1836.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to state for your Lordship's information that the Rev. Charles William Winckler is proceeding as a Missionary, and Mr. Edmund Corner (with his wife) and Mr. James Gillies, as Catechists, to Jamaica.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. Hble. Servt.
William Jowett,
Sec. to C.M.S.

To The Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Jamaica.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
January 2. 1837.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 27th ult. by the Rev. C. W. Winckler & Messrs. Corner & Gillies, who have just embarked for Jamaica, on board the [illegible]; of which letter a duplicate is enclosed. No further communication from the Island has yet reached us, though the Packet was due on the 20th ult.

2. In our last letter we inadvertently omitted one statement relative to Messrs. Corner & Gillies. It is, that the Committee have sanctioned their being presented to the Bishop of Jamaica as Candidates for Holy Orders at such period as the Corr. Comee. may deem advisable, provided their conduct in the mean time be such as may warrant that step concerning them. We entertain a very favourable opinion of their religious character and qualifications for usefulness among the Colored Population. Their theological pur-

ing & general proficiency in the studies requisite to enable them to pass an Examination for Holy Orders, with the view to minister among the Coloured people, are, we conceive, such that no difficulty is to be anticipated on that head; though not such as to fit them for an Examination for Holy Orders at home.

3. In reference to Paragraph [illegible] of my last Letter, we have ascertained that there does not appear to be any necessity or reason for [illegible] return to this country on account of the affairs of his family. This information has not yet been communicated to the Committee, but we have no doubt that they will consider it decisive against Mr. S.'s proposed visit to England. We shall, however (DV) apprise you of the Committee's decision on the point by the next Packet.

I remain,
Dear Sir
Truly yours
D. Coates
Sec. [illegible]
Church Missionary House,
Jan. 2. 1837

Dear Mr. Bernau,

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of [illegible] of which a duplicate is enclosed; and we have now to acknowledge yours of Aug 6 & Oct 24/36.

2. We are sorry that you have been kept in a state of suspense with regard to your future proceedings. It has, however, been unavoidable on our part, a reply from the Bishop of Barbados on the subject of your removal to the Indian Mission at Bartica Point not having yet been received. "The Committee's Resolution of Oct. 25/36, coupled with the Bishop's statement to yourself that he could have no objection to this arrangement and permitting you to quit Berbice at your earliest convenience", having relieved you, we trust, from all doubt & perplexity on the subject. In order however to set your mind entirely at rest [illegible] of the [illegible] since the receipt of your letters, above acknowledged, to request that you will proceed to Bartica Point as soon as circumstances

yourself, to prosecute your Missionary labours among the Indians of British Guiana as well as in connexion with that station. Should there remain any [illegible] for you to remain at Bartica Point it would be desirable that you should complete [illegible] by your removal that you may have no occasion to return thither. We look forward with much encouragement to your future labours among the Indians and earnestly pray that the Blessing of God may abundantly rest upon them. The Committee will, we conceive, be disposed to extend this Mission should circumstances prove favourable and the means of doing so be vouchsafed to them. You will probably find it advantageous to make an excursion with the Indians among the different Tribes in order accurately to learn their situation and collect such authentic information as might form the basis for future measures in their behalf. You will of course choose the most healthy season of the year for making the journey, and communicate to us the result in full detail.

3. Pray give our kind regards to Mrs. Panton. We hope you will find the interior of British Guiana more salubrious than the coast, as well as opening to you a sphere of more extensive usefulness.

We remain

Dear Brother

Yours truly

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,

January 16. 1837.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

We wrote to you by Packet on the 2d inst., of which a Duplicate is enclosed, & we have since received the following communications from the Mission:— J King Esq's letter of Nov. 23/36.

Your letter of Nov. 23/36 with Res.ns of Corr. Com. & Correspond.ce between yourself & Rev. W. Reed.

Scale of Salaries &c. with letters of Missionaries on same subject.

Rev. W. Hyltons letter, & advertisement for Record Newspaper.

2. We have been much distressed to learn that the progress of the dis-

ensions between the Bishop of Jamaica & yourself had reduced you to the necessity either of resigning your Island Curacy or of relinquishing the Secretaryship of the Corr. Committee. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case, we do not doubt that the Committee will duly appreciate the reasons which induced the Corr. Committee to recommend your relinquishment of the Curacy, & you to adopt this recommendation; though, as you are aware, the Parent Com.ee would have wished that that point should have been reserved for consideration in your communications with them on your intended visit to this country. As the matter now stands, they trust that the Mission will be a gainer by your loss. In the event indeed we would hope that it may not prove seriously disadvantageous to yourself, but be overruled by a gracious Providence to your own welfare, as well as to that of the Mission.

3. The "Tropic", on board of which Mess.rs Winckler, Corner, & Gillies have taken their Passage was, at the latter end of last week, still detained in the Channel by contrary winds, so that this letter may possibly arrive out before them. We were much pleased with what we saw of Mr Corner during his stay in London. It has occurred to us that it may be advisable to place him in charge of the Normal School, under the superintendence of an Ordained Missionary - perhaps the Rev. C. Winckler. We throw out this suggestion from solicitude to place that School on the best footing which the means at our disposal allow, & at the same time to avoid the removal of the Rev. W.K. Betts from Knockalva. Should this arrangement appear advisable to the Corr. Com.ee, Mr Winckler might have confided to him the ministerial district formerly assigned to the Rev. C. May, which charge he will probably be able to unite with the general superintendence of the Seminary, without material inconvenience.

4. We thank you for the statement relative to salaries & allowances of the Missionaries & Catechists, & the explanatory remarks appended to them. The reasons assigned for the Corr. Committee's fixing the salaries & allowances in the manner they have done, will, we

anticipate, be approved by the Parent Committee.

5. With regard to the Rev. C. L. F. Haensels remark respecting the Treasurers granting to the Miſsionaries Bills on me for small sums for their private convenience, we have no objection to such a course, if the Corr. Comee approve of its being done.

6. We are glad you have sent home the letters of the several Miſsionaries & Catechists on the subject of salaries & allowances, as it will enable the Parent Committee better to form their judgment of the character of Individuals, as well as of the merits of the question. These letters appear to us fully to confirm the correctneſs of the Corr. Committee's views in the scale which they have adopted.

7. Since I last wrote, Mr D. Seddon's application to be permitted to visit this country has been decided on by the Committee. Their decision is, that they do not see any reason for his doing so at present, & that they therefore cannot sanction his taking that step. I enclose a letter to Mr Seddon, communicating to him the decision of the Committee. We fear this application has sprung from a feeling of diſsatisfaction with his present situation. There are, however, such valuable qualities in Mr Seddon, that we trust he will at length sit down cheerfully & steadily to his work in Jamaica, in doing which he would, we doubt not, become, through the divine bleſsing, very useful.

8. We hope to convey to you the views of our Committee on the despatches before us, by the next Packet.

Praying that you may be graciously guided & supported in your important duties at the present season, & that the bleſsing of the Lord may abundantly rest on you in the discharge of them,

We remain, Dear Sir,

Truly & affly Yours,

D. Coates

Sec. CMS.

Church Missionary House,
January 16. 1837.

My dear Mr Seddon,

1. Your letter of Oct. 4/36 has been communicated to the Committee. That part of it which relates to your Ordination having been already disposed of by our former communications, it is unnecessary to enter upon that question now.

2. Your request to be allowed to visit home has been carefully considered by the Committee. It rests almost exclusively on the situation of your parents & relatives in this country. The Committee therefore judged it right to enquire into that situation. The result of this led them to the conclusion that your presence in this country was not required on their account. Such being the case, & your absence from your Station necessarily being unavoidably attended with serious inconvenience, the Committee felt themselves compelled to withhold their compliance with your request. They were the more strongly influenced to come to this conclusion by the consideration that a very short period only has elapsed since you entered on your labours, & that there is nothing in the state of your health to call for a visit to this country.

3. With regard to your views of obtaining admittance to Holy Orders here, & being employed in another Mission, I am desired by the Committee to state that they could hold out no prospect of complying with your wishes in these respects. It appears to them that you are already in a situation very much suited to you, & by the steady & diligent discharge of the duties of which you have open before you a sphere of much usefulness. As to Ordination, that matter has so far been put in train in Jamaica, that you are much more likely to attain your wishes on this point there, than you would be in this country. It is therefore the wish & hope of the Committee that you will address yourself steadily to the discharge of the duties in which you are engaged. By pursuing this course they doubt not that you will, under the divine blessing, be the means of

Jan. 16/37. Mr. Seddon

Jan. 16/37. Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

dispensing to many the light & grace of the Gospel to their souls' health & salvation.

4. You were apprised by the Rev. W. Jowett in his letter of Nov. 15/36, that yours to us of Aug. 16/36, being of an official character, ought to have been transmitted through the Corr. Com^ee. The same remark applies to that of Aug. 4/36, to which I am now replying. It is exclusively on official topics, & is precisely of that description which should, according to the Regulation of the Com^ee, have been sent through the Corr. Committee. You will have the kindness in future to transmit all such letters unsealed to the Rev. R. Beaton, to be by him sent to us, & strictly to limit any communication forwarded direct to matters of a private & confidential nature.

Begging my kind regards to Mrs. Seddon, & assuring you both of your constant interest in our sympathy & prayers,

I remain,

My dear Mr. Seddon,

Truly & aff^ly Yours,

D. Coates

Sec. CMS

Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,

January 16. 1837.

Dear Brethren,

1. We wrote a few lines to Mr. Muhlhauser Nov. 15/36, to apprise him that Miss Pasche had embarked for Trinidad with Messrs. Williams & Mc. Arthur. Since the despatch of that letter, Mr. Muhlhauser's of Nov. 2/36 has come to hand.

2. The Palestine, on board which Miss Pasche's Passage was taken, was long detained in the Channel by contrary winds, so that this letter may reach you before you hear of Miss P's. arrival in the West Indies.

3. We have read Mr. Muhlhauser's letter with much interest, & thank him for the full details which he has given us relative to the trials & difficulties incident to the Mission. It is very pain-

ful to find such countenance given to Popery as Mr. M's. letter describes. Happily, however, our course is clear. It is, steadily to adhere to the great principle that the Bible is the religion of Protestants. Protestant Missionaries & Catechists therefore must make the Bible, the whole Bible, the basis of all their instruction, whether in the Pulpit or in the School; not, indeed, controversially, unless constrained to it, but in prosecution of the great end of their teaching — to make men wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. While you steadily pursue this course, you may rely on the approbation of the Committee, &, which is much more, upon the favor & blessing of the Great Head of the Church himself. We rejoice therefore that Mr Muhlhauser firmly took his stand on this great principle of free & unrestricted Bible instruction, to which we trust you will both ever immoveably adhere throughout the whole course of your labours.

3. We recommend your respectfully claiming the grants of land for the use of the Mission as originally made, or, with such alterations only as may render them really more conducive to the benefit of the Mission. Should the confirmation of the grants on these terms be eventually refused or evaded, you will have the kindness to report the matter fully to us, that the Com^ee may be in a situation to bring it under the consideration of Lord Glenelg.

4. We perceive a reference in Mr Muhlhauser's letter, to correspondence with the Governor, a copy of which has not been transmitted to us. We request you will in future forward to us copies of all your official correspondence with the Governor or the Bishop, including your letters to them, as well as theirs to you. Without being put fully in possession of such Correspondence, the Com^ee could neither satisfactorily form their own judgment on the questions to which it may refer; nor, should occasion require, bring those questions in the most advantageous manner under the notice of the Authorities at home.

5. You will perceive by former letters, that the Com^ee

have met your wishes relative to European Catechists by adding Messrs. Williams & M^c. Arthur to the Mission.

6. We will attend to your requests relative to a supply of books, when we next make a shipment to the Mission.

7. We were sorry to find that you have both been somewhat indisposed. We trust that the cooler season will, under the divine Blessing, have been the means of its re-establishment.

Assuring you of our constant prayers for your welfare & usefulness,

I remain,
Dear Brethren,
Truly & aff^ly Yours,
D. Coates

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Church Missionary House,
Jan. 23^d. 1837.

Rev. L. Strong

Dear Sir,

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of Nov. 15/36, of which a duplicate is enclosed, since which period the only communications which we have received from Demerara are M^r. Carter's Letter of Sept. 30/36 & his Journal from July to Sept./36.

2. M^r. J. Armstrong has addressed a Letter home from Barbados stating that he was admitted to Deacon's Orders by the Bishop of Barbados on the 13th. of that month, and that he had been appointed to Anguilla. We shall be truly thankful to learn that he proves a faithful & useful Minister of the Gospel in his future course.

3. We have heard indirectly that M^r. Youd was also admitted to Deacon's Orders Nov. 13th. by the Bishop of Barbados. We regret that M^r. Youd did not himself immediately apprise the Committee of a change in his office calculated, under the Divine Blessing, to have so important a bearing on his future labours. We earnestly pray that through the teaching & grace of the Holy Spirit he may prove an able Minister of the New Testament, & be largely blessed in his own soul & in his ministrations among the Indians.

4. We trust that ere this Letter reaches you the Rev. J. H.

Rev. L. Strong, Jan. 23/37

Bernau will have entered upon his new sphere of labours among the Indians. We have offered a few general suggestions to him as to his future course. He will of course now act under the superintendence & direction of the Corr. Comm.ee in his labours in all matters of a non-ecclesiastical nature.

5. We recommend that the Corr. Comm.ee should invite Messrs. Bernau & Youd to a conference with them to settle their future course of proceedings in carrying on the Mission. Our impression is that Bartica Point should be considered as only the entrance on the Indian Mission, and that a plan should now be laid down in the prosecution of which, if it please God to prosper the undertaking, the Mission should be gradually extended to the Indian Tribes in the interior. At what period & in what direction this enlargement of the Mission should take place are points to be maturely considered by the Corr. Comm.ee and the Missionaries. It may possibly be requisite for some time to come to make Bartica Point a sort of head quarters of the Mission, whence the Missionaries may make excursions into the interior, and collect accurate information relative to the different Tribes, their language, numbers, & disposition to receive the instruction of the Missionaries, and also of the state of the country, and the most eligible point for forming a new Station where one of the Missionaries might eventually take up his permanent residence. In selecting the site of a new Station regard should particularly be had to 1. salubrity of situation, 2. facility of access to it from Bartica Point, 3. free communication with the largest number of Indians, and 4. its bearing on the further extension of the Mission into the interior. While, however, we throw out these suggestions we beg the Corr. Comm.ee will understand that it is far the farthest possible from our wish to precipitate the extension of the Mission. The Station at Bartica Point should be first consolidated, so as once to give hope of its stability & permanency, and of its thus forming a key and support to Stations further in the interior. We think it might be desirable that Mr. Bernau should make the first exploratory excursion into the interior, choosing the most salubrious season of the year for the purpose, to collect information on all points connected with the Mission, especially on

those referred to above.

6. By this Ship the "Demerara Planter" Capt. Wallis, we forward the usual publications to the present date, and also copies of Bickersteth's & Morne's Tracts on Popery for Mr. Bernau. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

With kind regards to the Corr. Comm. & to the Missionaries & Catechists, and our constant prayers that you all may fully receive the divine blessing in your own souls and in the work of the Lord in which you are severally engaged,

We remain, dear Sir,
Truly & affect. yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Private.

P.S. I thank you for your private Letter of Sept 28/36. It is as I fully expected it would be, perfectly satisfactory on the points complained of by Mr. Armstrong.

I have had much pleasure in giving my name for receiving subscriptions in aid of your proposed Chapel. I was sorry our Comm. could not accede to your proposal respecting it; but I believe they had no alternative but to act as they did.

D. C.

Church Missionary House
January 23. 1837.

Dear Bro. Bernau,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 2d Inst., of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed, since which date no communication from you has reached us.

2. We address this to you at Bartica Point, on the presumption that you will have become located at your new Station before this Letter reaches British Guiana.

3. As a Corr. Comm. is formed at Demerara the Committee request that you will in future pursue the same course as that which is pursued by other Missionaries of the Society under similar circumstances; i.e. to act under their superintendence & direction in all matters of a non-ecclesiastical nature. You will therefore have

the kindness to transmit your Journals and all official Letters through them to us; and our Letters to you will be forwarded in the same way. As the Cor. Comm. are charged with the general administration of the affairs of the Mission, it is necessary that they should be cognizant of what we write to you and you to us in order to enable them advantageously to discharge the duties devolved upon them by the Parent Committee. It will, however, be open to you & of course to the Rev. T. Youd also to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private & confidential manner.

We forward to you by the ship which takes this the copies of the Rev. Mess. Bickersteth & Morne's Tracts on Popery promised in our last Letter.

With kind regards to Mrs. Bernau & our constant prayers for you.

We remain,

Dear Br.,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. Cmt.

Church Missionary House

Feb. 1. 1837

Rev. Mess. Eckel & Muhlhauser

Dear Brethren,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 16th ult., a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed, we have had an opportunity of bringing under the consideration of the Comm. Mr. Muhlhauser's Letter of Nov. 3/36. We have much pleasure in assuring you of the Committee's entire approbation of the line of conduct which Mr. M. pursued in the conversations with the Governor mentioned in his Letter relative to the religious instruction given in the Schools. It especially afforded them satisfaction to observe Mr. M. so firmly maintaining the principle of the more strict use of the Bible in administering religious instruction to the scholars. To this principle they fully rely that you and all connected with ~~you~~ the Mission will steadily & constantly adhere.

2. It is perhaps almost superfluous to add that it was highly satisfactory to the Comm. to learn that the Church Catechism also was

in aid to the Society's Schools. [illegible] it is their wish that you should continue, unless the Bishop of Barbadoes, which however we do not anticipate, should be of opinion that all aid should be relinquished. We think, however, that it will be right in his application that if the use of the Church Catechism were discontinued in the Schools an attempt would not be made to eject the Bible and that is a concession which no consideration would induce the Committee to make. Much rather would they relinquish the Mission altogether than consent for a single moment to any limitation or restriction in employing the Bible as the medium of instruction to all classes and under all circumstances.

Praying that all wisdom and all grace may abound toward you, that you may abound in every good work, and the name of our God in all things be glorified in and by you through Christ Jesus,

We remain,
Dear Brethren,
Truly & affect. yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House
London, Jan. 31. 1837.

My dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 16th Inst, of which Letter & of one to Mr Seddon which it covered duplicates are enclosed. Since that date the following communications from you have reached us.

Your letter of Dec. 7/36
Your letters to the Editor of Herald, Dec. 6 & 6/36.
Your Hints to Deputation to Bp. of Jamaica.
Correspondence betw. the Bp. of Jamaica & the
Deputation to the Corr. Comm. Nov./36.
Bp. of Jamaica's Letter of Dec. 14/36.

2. These communications have, as you will easily believe, occasioned us very great pain. We have also received a Letter from the Bishop of Jamaica on the same subject. Of this Letter we enclose a copy, as we think it fair toward the Corr. Comm.

that they should be put in possession of the Bishop's statements & have the opportunity to offer any remarks or explanations in reference to them which they may think fit. What course the Com^{ee} may think it right to take under circumstances so difficult and embarrassing we cannot say. We conceive however that it will be the duty of the Corr. Com^{ee} to adhere to the Instructions which they have received from the Parent Com^{ee} until they shall receive directions from them to the contrary. We are persuaded that a clear distinction exists between the duties of the Corr. Com^{ee} & those of a strictly ecclesiastical nature which appertain to the Diocesan. It is possible indeed that cases may be supposed in which it might not be easy to trace this distinction clearly, but a good understanding between the parties would most assuredly enable them to adjust any such points to their mutual satisfaction. In the absence of such an understanding indeed it may readily be anticipated that such points would be laid hold of & rendered the occasion of irremediable disagreement. What is most to be deplored in such an event is that the interests of the Gospel, not to say those of the Church of England also, do seriously suffer in the unholy strife. It appears to us that there are some matters over which the Bishop claims jurisdiction in his Letter - as "the erection of schools" - which could not be conceded as of ecclesiastical jurisdiction. To do so, would, we are persuaded, discourage the most zealous & faithful members of our Communion from engaging in such undertakings, & consequently have a most disastrous influence in retarding the progress of the religious education of the enfranchised population. This too would be taking place at the time when the apprenticeship system approaches to a termination, & when the well-being of the Whites, as well as of the Blacks, demand the sound religious instruction of the people in the most effective manner & to the widest possible extent. All circumstances considered the decision of the Bishop is a most afflictive ~~circumstance~~ occurrence, & which we cannot but believe, from the course uniformly pursued toward his Lordship by the Corr. Com^{ee}, might by friendly explanation have been avoided. Discouraging however as our present prospects are, we pray that

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it may please the Great Head of the Church to remove the obstacles which threaten to impede the operations of the Society in Jamaica, & to render it instrumental in extensively diffusing the light & grace of the Gospel of Christ among those myriads of our fellow creatures who, though released from temporal bondage, are perishing for lack of spiritual knowledge! We shall hope to communicate to you the views of the Comee on the communications before us by the next Packet, & in the mean time pray that the Corr. Comee may be so guided & aided in their difficult course by the "God of all grace", that they may stand approved to him & fully receive his blessing

We remain,

Dear Sir,

truly & affectly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House

London, Jan. 31. 1837.

Dear Brother Bernau,

1. We wrote to you to Demerara by the "Demerara Planter" on the 23rd Inst., of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed, since the despatch of which yours of Dec. 6/36 has come to hand.

2. Lest the favourable openings in Berbice mentioned in the Letter before us should leave you in any suspense as to your future course we lose no time in replying to it & address this Letter to that colony in case you should have waited there to hear farther from us. We are thankful to learn the favourable disposition manifested by the people both Negroes & Indians on the Corentyne River; & it is painful to us to contemplate their being left without a religious teacher. Our arrangements however for your removal to Bartica Point are so fully matured that it would not now be advisable to alter them,

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even on so favourable a prospect as that presented in your Letter. Indeed Mr Armstrong having quitted Bartica Point your going thither could not now be suspended without serious detriment to that station & the intended extension of the Mission to the Indian tribes in the interior. It would indeed be entirely crippled to be left to depend wholly on Messrs Youd & Doyce, & that at a period when the point to which it has advanced peculiarly calls for its being strengthened. And even if these reasons did not render your removal to Bartica Point decisive we think it not improbable that circumstances might be found to exist in the Corentyne Parish which would render your location there under circumstances to admit of your freely prosecuting the objects pointed out in your Letter difficult, if not impracticable. We think it clear therefore that your course is to proceed immediately to Bartica Point to cooperate in the labours of that station should you not have done so previously to the arrival of this Letter.

3. I may state here what I omitted in my last Letter, that neither the Governor of Berbice nor any of the Colonists have written to us to urge your continuance in Berbice. I mention this to relieve your mind from any uneasiness arising out of a supposition that you were removed from Berbice notwithstanding any such representation directed to secure your continuance there.

Praying that every blessing may attend you & your labours in your future course,

We remain,

Dear Brother,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

[illegible] Feb. 15/37. Rev. R. Panton

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House
Feb. 15. 1837.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 3rd ult., enclosing a copy of a Letter from the Bishop of Jamaica to Rev. R. Forbes, of which Letter and its Enclosures duplicates are enclosed. No communication from you has reached us since we last wrote.

2. We have, however, received from the Colonial Office a copy of a Despatch from Sir Lionel Smith to Lord Glenelg, Dec. 1836, covering a "Report" of the Committee of Council on the Moore Town Maroons Petition; the "Examination" of Witnesses before the Council; the Bishop of Jamaica's "Licence" to Rev. R. Forbes; your Letter of Sept. 1836 (we suppose to the Governor's Sec.y, but it is without address) & a Petition of the Moore Town Maroons to Council. These Papers contain, as you will perceive, grave charges against the Cor. Com.ee with reference to the removal of the Rev. R. Forbes to take temporary charge of Bath Chapel, & the means taken to obtain a grant of land at Moore Town to the Society's purposes, beside others of a general & indefinite nature. These communications together with those formerly acknowledged from the Bishop of Jamaica & yourself, bring under the consideration of the Com.ee questions of very serious importance, on which time has not yet been afforded them fully to deliberate. We hope to be able to apprise you of their decision by the next Packet.

3. In the meantime the Com.ee have directed us immediately to forward to you copies of the above Papers, & to request that the Cor. Com.ee will, with as little delay as possible, furnish them with all such accompanying explanations & remarks as the Cor. Com.ee may deem requisite for their own vindication, & to put the Parent Com.ee into full possession of all the facts & circumstances of the cases referred to.

4. As the Com.ee have not yet formed their judgment on the above mentioned communications it would be premature in me to enter at large into their contents & [illegible]. One or two remarks however seem to be called for. It appears, both from Sir Lionel Smith's Letter & the Report of the Com.ee of Council, that neither you nor any other member of the Cor. Com.ee were called upon to defend yourselves from the charges brought against you, or even made acquainted with the fact of their having been made, previously to their being forwarded to Lord Glenelg.

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5. Reference is made in the Governor's Letter to [illegible] [illegible] a complaint preferred to the Council by the Lord Bishop respecting the conduct of certain Church Missionaries who had been acting in various Church affairs in opposition to the Bishop's authority. This statement was not included in the Papers sent home by [illegible] [illegible]. We beg therefore to suggest that you should if possible procure a copy of it, that both you and we may be fully aware of what may be alleged & may be enabled distinctly to meet it.

6. We trust that the Brethren will fully enjoy the high value which the Parent Comm. place on their services, and on their [illegible], while rendering most cheerfully [illegible] due subjection & deference to the Ecclesiastical Authorities [illegible] [illegible], maintain the just independence both of themselves and the Brethren in consistency with those principles in administering the affairs of the Society in this Mission.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly & affect. yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Bp Jamaica

Church Missionary House,

Feb. 16. 1837.

My Lord,—

1. Your Lordship's Letter of Dec. 16/36, stating that circumstances had arisen which precluded you from having any further communication with the Corr. Comm. of the Church Missionary Society established in Jamaica, and explaining the reasons which induced your Lordship to take this step, has been communicated to the Committee of the Society.

2. I am directed by the Committee to express their deep regret that any thing should have occurred to subject the Corr. Committee to your displeasure, and to lead to that proceeding in reference to them stated by your Lordship. The Committee are the more grieved at this interruption of communication between your Lordship & the Corresponding Committee, it being calculated, they fear, seriously to embarrass the operations of the Society in Jamaica; and that at a period when the active agency of the Corr. Comm. is peculiarly

needed to give effect to the various measures now in progress in the Island. The Committee trust therefore that your Lordship will allow them respectfully to submit to your attention the following considerations.

3. The Committee beg leave to assure your Lordship of their anxious desire to carry on all the operations of the Society in conformity with the discipline of the Church of which they are Members, so as to merit the sanction of the Diocesan wherever a Mission is situated within the Diocese of an English Bishop. On this principle the Committee have been desirous, as your Lordship is aware, that the Society's Missionaries in Jamaica should be placed under Ecclesiastical jurisdiction by receiving your License, and that the Society should enjoy the advantage of your countenance in carrying on its operations in the Island.

4. The Committee therefore exceedingly regret, with regard to the case of the Rev. H. Forbes, specified by your Lordship, that your sanction was not sought and obtained, respecting his temporary removal to Bath Chapel. Persuaded however that the Corresponding Committee recognise as fully as themselves the obligation to render due obedience to your Lordship's authority in administering the affairs of the Mission, and that, in any step which they have taken not strictly conformable to the discipline of the Church, they acted without any intention of infringing that discipline, the Committee are confident that the Corresponding Committee will, if your Lordship afford them an opportunity, readily acknowledge their error, and give your Lordship such explanations in reference to Mr. Forbes' temporary removal to Bath Chapel, as may remove the unfavourable impression of their conduct, which this proceeding has made on your Lordship's mind.

5. While the Committee would thus scrupulously abstain from all interference with that Ecclesiastical authority which of right appertains to your Lordship, there are many matters not of that description of much importance in carrying on the operations of the Society in Jamaica, which devolve upon the Corresd Comee. These however have, some of them, more or less reference to matters of an ecclesiastical nature; so that, they respectfully submit that unless a good understanding and free communication exist between

the Corr. Comm. and the Bishop of the Diocese, the operations of the Society within it would become exceedingly embarrassed, and possibly the prosecution of them rendered altogether impracticable.

6. The arrangement entered into between His Majesty's Government and the Committee for the erection of Schoolhouses and establishing Schools in different parts of the Island are of such extent and in such a state of progress, under the charge of the Corr. Comm. that the interruption of communication between them and your Lordship must necessarily be not only prejudicial to the interests of the Society but injurious to the public service in a matter deeply affecting both the religious welfare and the social well-being of the enfranchised population. Confident that this is a result which your Lordship would be most solicitous to avoid, the Committee trust that the renewal of your Lordship's communication with the Corr. Comm. may be brought about in a way satisfactory to your Lordship so as to avoid so serious an evil.

7. The agency of a Corresponding Committee having been recognized by successive Bishops of Calcutta, as also by the Bishops of Madras & Australia, and hitherto by your Lordship in the Diocese of Jamaica, the Committee feel the strongest confidence that the principle of them is perfectly consistent with the government and discipline of the Church of England, regulated, as it is the constant aim of the Committee to regulate the proceedings of those Committees, so as not to interfere with the rightful authority of the Bishop of the Diocese.

8. The Committee cannot forego the hope that the preceding considerations may appear to your Lordship of so much weight as to induce you to allow the Corresponding Committee to replace themselves in communication with you, for the purpose of entering into such full explanations as may be deemed satisfactory by your Lordship, in reference to the removal of Mr. Forbes from Moore Town, to take the Rev. R. Panton's duty for a season at Bath Chapel.

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9. In this hope, the Committee have abstained from entering on other matters adverted to in your Lordship's Letter, conceiving that, should your Lordship see reason to comply with their request, it would be more conveniently done by the Correspond. Comtee. than it can be by themselves.

Have the honour to remain,
My Lord,
Your Lordships obdt. Servt.
William Jowett
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Miſsionary House
February 21. 1837.

Sir Geo. Grey

Sir,

1. Your Letter of the 9th Inst., covering one from Sir Lionel Smith to Lord Glenelg, Dec. 16/36, with its enclosures, involving charges against the Corr. Comee. & Miſsionaries of the Church Miſsionary Society in Jamaica, in reference to the Bishop of Jamaica and the Maroons at Moore Town, has been communicated to the Committee of the Society, and I am directed by them to addreſs to you the following observations in reply.

2. With regard to the charge made by Sir Lionel Smith against the Corr. Comee., that they have attempted "to set up an authority independent of that of the Church of England"; the Committee infer, from the terms of Sir Lionel Smith's Letter, that it is grounded upon what he states to be "a complaint preferred to the Council by the Lord Bishop, respecting the conduct of certain Church Miſsionaries who had been acting in various Church affairs in opposition to the Bishop's authority." The "complaint" against the Society's Miſsionaries alluded to by Sir L. Smith not having been communicated to the Committee, they are ignorant of its nature. They have however no hesitation in aſsuring Lord Glenelg that the principle on which the whole of the Society's operations is conducted, is that of rendering due obedience to the Ecclesiastical Authorities, wherever a Miſsionary of the Society is situated within the Diocese of a Bishop of our Church, and they are quite unaware of a single instance in

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which any Miſsionary of the Society has acted in opposition to the Bishop's authority, unleſs the general allegations in Sir L. Smith's Letter are meant to apply to the case of the Revd R. Forbes. To that case the Committee will therefore advert, being most solicitous to enter into unreserved explanations on any points on which the proceedings either of the Miſsionaries or of the Corr. Comee may have been called in question.

3. The affairs of the Society in Jamaica are administered by a Corresponding Comee of Clergymen & Laymen, the majority of them being Clergymen. One part of their duty is to ascertain where the Teachers sent out by the Society, whether Miſsionaries or Catechists, may be stationed most advantageously, so that religious instruction may be given to the largest number of the enfranchised population. This selection of Stations, however, is made in communication with the Bishop, & the Committee are not aware that any one, either Miſsionary or Catechist, has been located without its having been previously ascertained that the arrangement met with the Bishop's approbation. The Committee, however, acting on behalf of the Society in the appropriation of the funds placed at its disposal have considered it reasonable that they should select & propose to the Bishop the Stations which they had been led to consider eligible, and, in communication with the Bishop, to change their Stations as the general state of the Miſsion may from time to time require.

4. From communications which the Comee have received from the Bishop & from the Corr. Comee they learn that the Revd R. Forbes, who had, with the concurrence of the Bishop, been stationed at Moore Town, in the Parish of Portland, had at the request of the Corr. Comee, gone to take temporary charge of the Ministerial duties at Bath Chapel, in St Thomas in the East. The circumstances which led to this arrangement it will be neceſsary to explain. The members of the Society in this country taking a lively interest in the state of the Slave population in the West Indies, the Comee were led, on the paſsing of the Slavery Abolition Act, which

removed the obstacles previously existing to the religious instruction of the people, considerably to enlarge the operations of the Society in Jamaica. The Mission there was still farther enlarged in consequence of the Society's participation, under the sanction of Lord Glenelg, in the Parliamentary Grant for Negro Education in the West Indies. This enlargement of the Mission led to such an increase in the business of the Corr. Comee, that it was found necessary, instead of an honorary Secretary, to engage one with a Salary, in order to provide for the regular transaction of it. The Revd R. Panton, then Island Curate of St Thomas in the East, & Minister of Bath Chapel; and who had previously acted as Honorary Secretary, consented, to the great satisfaction of the Parent Comee, to act under the new arrangement; by which his whole time was given to the Society. Mr Panton, however, wished, in the first instance, to hold the appointment for one year only; and, as he had it in contemplation to visit England, to confer with the Parent Comee previously to a final arrangement being made. This was approved by the Parent Comee, and Mr Panton was particularly requested by them not to resign his Island Curacy, until after they should have had an opportunity of personal conference with him. The discharge of the duties of the Secretaryship of the Corr. Comee requiring Mr Panton's residence at or in the neighbourhood of Kingston, it became necessary to provide for Bath Chapel during the year of Mr Panton's engagement with the Society. The Bishop was communicated with in consequence: all particulars were stated to him; and his Lordship acceded to the arrangement, on the understanding that one of the Society's Missionaries should perform Mr Panton's duty at Bath Chapel for the year during which Mr Panton has taken the Secretaryship of the Corr. Comee. The Bishop granted, on the terms just stated, Mr Panton a twelvemonth's leave of absence, & the Revd W. Morse, one of the Society's Missionaries, who had recently arrived on the Island, became with the Bishop's sanction, Mr P.'s locum tenens at Bath Chapel. After a short time, however, Mr Morse was obliged to leave the Island from ill health, &

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another arrangement for the charge of Bath Chapel became necessary. It having been settled that one of the Society's Miſsionaries should perform Mr Panton's duty there during his year's leave of absence, the Revd R. Forbes, one of them stationed at Moore Town, was requested to undertake it for a few weeks, with the concurrence of his Rector the Revd G. Griffiths. It turned out indeed in the event that he remained there for about three months; but this was against the intention and wish of the Corr. Comee, they having, at the time when Mr Forbes went to Bath Chapel, urged Mr Panton to engage other Clerical aſsistance, so as to set Mr Forbes free to return to Moore Town as soon as poſsible. Mr Forbes's taking the duties of Bath Chapel was considered to be in accordance with the arrangement entered into with the Bishop, by which the Corr. Comee understood that his Lordship agreed to allow these duties to be performed by a Miſsionary of the Society during Mr Panton's leave of absence. In one respect, however, the Corr. Comee appear to have acted erroneously. They do not seem to have communicated with the Bishop in reference to this temporary charge of Bath Chapel by Mr Forbes. This the Comee much regret, as they are most solicitous that in no part of the operations of the Society should the rightful authority of the Bishop be overlooked. They may, however, be permitted to observe, in explanation of the course pursued by the Corr. Comee in this matter, that they probably took the step of requesting Mr Forbes to go to Bath Chapel in consequence of their views of the nature of the arrangement entered into with the Bishop & under the full impreſsion that Mr Panton would engage other aſsistance for Bath Chapel with as little delay as poſsible. The fact too, as the Comee are aſsured that Clergymen on the Island, as is the case in this country, frequently make arrangements of this kind for their own convenience, influenced the Corr. Comee, it may be supposed, in the course they took. Be that however as it may the Comee deeply regret the occurrence, & are confident that the Corr. Comee will most cheerfully make due

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acknowledgement to the Bishop for the inadvertency into which in this instance they fell.

5. The Committee learn that a question has been raised as to whether Mr Forbes is really a Missionary of the Society. The facts of the case are these. Mr F. had been stationed at Moore Town as a Catechist of the Society for some years before he was ordained, deriving his support from the Society. About two years ago he was admitted to Holy Orders, on a nominal Title from the Revd E. Griffiths, Rector of the Parish (Portland). This Title was given by Mr Griffiths on communication with the Corr. Comee in consequence of the Bishop of Jamaica at that time not deeming it advisable to accept Candidates for Holy Orders connected with the Society without a Title of the usual description. During his Lordship's late visit to this country an understanding was come to with him by which he now receives Candidates on the Society's nomination. The Comee are aware that this arrangement relative to Mr Forbes was distinctly understood by the Bishop, & that his Lordship has constantly spoken of Mr Forbes as one of the Society's Missionaries. Mr F. has continued ever since at the same Station, Moore Town; officiating in a building erected by the Society; living in a house rented by it; and receiving his stipend from it.

6. With regard to the complaint, which the Superintendant of Maroons appears to have made against the Corr. Comee of having violated the rules relative to the Maroons in force in Moore Town, the Committee cannot but observe, that no member of that Comee appears to have been summoned before the Council; although Mr Forbes, a Missionary of the Society, was examined, & the evidence given on the occasion can only be considered, so far as the Corr. Comee are concerned, as given exparte, in the absence of the accused. This defect the Committee are unable at present to supply, having received no information on the subject from the Corr. Comee; but they have transmitted to them, by the last Packet, on the 15th Inst., a copy of your letter of the 7th Inst. and its Enclosures, requesting the Corr. Comee to give them without

delay full explanation on all those points in the Report and Examination of the Com^ee of Council, wherein they are implicated. So soon as the Committee receive an answer from the Corr. Com^ee they will communicate to you the result, for the information of Lord Glenelg. In the mean time the Com^ee abstain from making those comments on the ex parte evidence before the Com^ee of Council to which it appears to them open, & content themselves with repeating the assurance that it has ever been a principle of the Society in all its Missions, to render due obedience to the constituted authorities, both Civil and Ecclesiastical

7. Having made these remarks on the communication which you have had the goodness to make to the Committee by the direction of Lord Glenelg, the Committee beg leave respectfully to represent to his Lordship the situation in which they are at present placed with regard to the Jamaica Mission, as they learn it from the communications of the Lord Bishop of Jamaica & the Corr. Com^ee, as well as from those received from you. The Committee have extended the Society's operations in that Island, at a large increase of the Society's annual expenditure. They have the advantage in administering the Society's affairs there, in matters of a non-ecclesiastical nature, to be aided by an able, intelligent, active, & zealous Corr. Com^ee, with a very efficient Secretary in the person of the Revd R. Panton. But with every disposition vigorously to carry into execution their plans, it will be utterly impracticable for them to do so, unless the local authorities are prepared to countenance & aid them.

8. By the terms on which the Committee, with the sanction of Lord Glenelg, participate in the Parliamentary Grant, in furtherance of Negro education in the West Indies, the Com^ee contributing one third of the expence of the erection of each school house, the buildings when erected become the property of the Society. The Com^ee cannot therefore agree to any arrangement which would deprive

the Society of the Proprietary of those buildings, or of the right to direct & regulate the use of them, in furtherance of the education & religious instruction of the coloured population.

9. In one part of his Letter Sir Lionel Smith suggests the expediency of Lord Glenelg's "consulting the Church Missionary Society at home as to the proper authorities for disbursing their funds in aid of buildings for education & religion." The Corr. Comee in Jamaica, as already stated, is composed of Clergymen & Laymen of the Church of England. They have ever ably, cordially, & zealously cooperated with the Parent Comee in promoting the Society's objects in Jamaica, & enjoy their full confidence. They therefore see no reason to change the course which they have hitherto pursued in the Island, in the disbursement of both their own funds and those placed at their disposal by His Majesty's Government.

10. Sir Lionel Smith further expresses his opinion "that the Bishop has been thwarted by those who owed him support & assistance." It is not clear to whom this remark was intended to apply, neither is any fact adduced in support of the opinion expressed. The Comee therefore have only to state in reference to it, that they have the fullest confidence that it is altogether inapplicable to those Individuals to whom the administration of the Society's affairs in Jamaica is confided.

11. The Comee infer from the tenor of Sir L. Smith's Letter that he did not ask any explanation from the Corr. Comee respecting those parts of their proceedings on which he animadverts. The Comee conceive that this is much to be regretted, as Mr Panton, the Secretary of that body was living at or near Kingston, so that a reference could have been easily made to him; and it seems but equitable & reasonable that parties against whom such grave charges are brought, should have had an opportunity of being heard in their own vindication.

12. In conclusion the Comee beg respectfully to state that in extending the operations of the

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Society in Jamaica the sole object which they had in view was to impart, to the utmost extent of their means, religious instruction to the enfranchised population. This is especially demanded during the short period which now intervenes before the Apprentice system ceases and they are introduced into a state of unrestricted freedom. The vast importance to all classes of the community of duly improving this interval in bringing, as far as may be, the minds of the Black population under the influence of religious principle, is obvious, that being the only safe guarantee for their peaceable, orderly, & obedient conduct when the restraints of their former condition are altogether removed. Anxious however as the Com^{ee} are to employ the agency of the Society in the furtherance of this important object, it will be impracticable for them to do so with effect unless they receive the countenance & cordial support of the local authorities. They have no wish to vindicate or excuse what may have been erroneous or wrong; but they do most respectfully plead for an opportunity of correcting what may have been so, & that advantage may not be taken of any thing of this kind to the prejudice of the Society or the depriving of the Coloured population of any portion of those religious advantages which they might otherwise enjoy, and the entire amount of which from all available sources is so utterly inadequate to meet the pressing exigencies of the case.

I have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your most obed^{t} servant

D. Coates

Sec. C. M. S.

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Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
February 24th 1837.

Dear Sir:—

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 16th Inst., of which a duplicate is enclosed, your Letters of Oct. 10th, Nov. 2nd & Dec. 7/36, and their respective enclosures, have been taken into consideration by the Committee, together with the Bishop of Jamaica's Letter to Mr Jowett of Dec. 14/36, of which a copy was forwarded to you in my Letter of the 2nd Inst. The Committee have also had under consideration a despatch from Sir Lionel Smith to Lord Glenelg of Dec. 15/36, with enclosures, of which copies were sent to you in my letter of the 16th Inst.

2. You will readily believe that it occasioned the Committee much pain to learn that differences so serious had arisen between the Bishop & the Corr. Com. as to induce his Lordship to decline to receive the Resolution from the Corr. Comm. proposed to the Bishop by the Rev. Jn. Dawes in his Letter of Nov. 24/36 and to decline any further communication with the Corr. Comm. The Committee particularly feel the difficult situation in which the Clerical Members of the Corr. Comm. are placed by the course taken by the Bishop.

3. The Committee much regret the removal of the Rev. R. Forbes to St Thomas in the East to take temporary charge of the ministerial duties of Bath Chapel, without previously communicating with the Bishop, such a proceeding being, in a Diocese, a breach of Ecclesiastical discipline. But while the Committee thus frankly express their opinion, they do not overlook the circumstances which seem to have led the Corr. Comm. unintentionally into this error. It appears from the statements contained in your Letter to the Rev. W. Reed, Oct. 19/36, that individual Clergymen in the Island are accustomed to make similar arrangements for their own temporary accommodation, without formal reference to the Bishop for his sanction. The circumstance too, that the Rev. R. Forbes was a Missionary of the Society and that it was out of this class who by the arrangement with the Bishop, was to take your duties at Bath Chapel, during your twelve months' leave of absence, probably contributed to lead the Corr. Comm. into the inadvertency of removing Mr Forbes without a previous reference to the Bishop. The Committee do not hesitate therefore to recommend the Corr. Comm. to tender to the Bishop their acknowledgments of the error into which they have fallen in this

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head; as appertaining equally due to themselves as to the Bishop. The confidence which the Committee have in the sound discretion of the Cor. Comt. not designedly to infringe on Ecclesiastical authority, and in their not shrinking from the avowal of an unintentional one have been [illegible] of it, encourages them thus unreservedly to express themselves on this head.

4. That while the Committee suggest this course with regard to Mr. Forbes' removal to Wall Chapel, it affords them strong satisfaction to convey to the Cor. Comt. their cordial approbation of the general course pursued by them in the administration of the Society's affairs and of the prudence & firmness with which they have discharged the painful & difficult duties devolving upon them, in their late discussions with the Ecclesiastical Authorities. The Committee conceive that there is a clear distinction between what appertains to the Bishop as Diocesan and what is properly within the province of the Cor. Comt. in carrying on the affairs of the Mission. That which is strictly of an Ecclesiastical nature in the government of the Clergy belongs to the Bishop as such, and with this the Committee studiously abstain from interfering. The general administration of the affairs of the Mission of a non-ecclesiastical nature is the proper province of the Cor. Comt., and with these the Bishop as Bishop has no concern. It is possible that cases may occur in which this distinction could not be very clearly traced; but the Committee have ever found that with a good understanding between the Bishop and Cor. Comt. such cases admitted of easy adjustment to the satisfaction of both parties. Hence the importance of such an understanding between the Bishop of Jamaica and the Cor. Comt. is apparent, and such it has been the desire and endeavour of the Committee, as they are persuaded it has been of the Cor. Comt., to establish and maintain.

5. There is one circumstance in your situation which differences it from that of the Cor. Committees in India & New South Wales, it is the parochial division of the Diocese of Jamaica. This circumstance has been the principal source of embarrassment to the Committee in carrying on the operations of the Society in the West Indies, and it renders some modification of your proceedings necessary to adjust them to this state of things. Here again, however, a good understanding between the Bishop & the Cor. Comt. is [illegible]

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tirely necessary to obviate inconveniences which might otherwise arise from this cause.

6. What has been stated above shows the importance of an accommodation with the Bishop, if it can be effected without surrendering the just rights of the Committee in administering the non-ecclesiastical affairs of the church. The Committee are prepared to go to the utmost lengths in rendering, in the persons of their Missionaries, obedience to the rightful authority of the Bishop. They are equally fixed in their determination not to yield that which of right belongs to themselves as the administrators of the Society's affairs. Under these views the Committee have addressed a Letter to the Bishop of Jamaica in the hope that he may be induced to procure such explanations from the Corr. Com.ee as would lead to the reestablishment of his Lordship's communications with them. This result the Committee have the most entire confidence that the Corr. Com.ee will spare no effort on their part to bring about, governing themselves by the general considerations detailed above. A copy of the Letter to the Bishop of this day's date is enclosed for the information and guidance of the Corr. Com.ee

7. The Committee having directed the transmission to you by Packet on the 15th Inst. of copies of the communications from the Colonial Office referred to at the head of this Letter, that they might obtain from the Corr. Com.ee full explanations on the subjects of them, abstain from entering on a particular examination of their contents at present. They adopt this course because it does not appear that the Corr. Com.ee had an opportunity of defending themselves against the charges contained in these communications, or that they were even made acquainted with their existence. The Committee moreover have the fullest confidence that the Corr. Com.ee would in their proceedings abstain from interfering with the known rights of constituted Authorities

8. In order that you may be fully aware of the views which, with their present information, the Committee take of the different topics brought before them by the communications now under consideration, we also enclose a copy of the reply which under this day's date has by direction of the Committee been given to Sir Geo. Grey's Letter of the 7th Inst.

We remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates

Sir Geo. Grey. [illegible]
Rev. R. Panton, Rev. L. Stones;
Rev. Mess. Eckold & Muhlhausen. Feb. 28/37

Church Missionary House
Feb. 28. 1837.

Sir G. Grey, Bart.

Sir -

I have received and communicated to the Committee of the Church Missionary Society your Letter of the 22d Inst. stating that His Majesty's Government contemplate the immediate employment of an Inspector of Schools for the West India Colonies, and requesting Letters to the Agents or Representatives of the Society in the respective Colonies instructing them to afford the Inspector such information as may be necessary for the discharge of his duties. I am desired by the Committee to transmit the enclosed Letters in pursuance of Lord Glenelg's request, and to assure his Lordship that it will afford the Committee much satisfaction to render to the Inspector through their Correspondents in Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana any assistance in their power in furtherance of the object with which he is charged.

I have the honour to remain,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Serv.t
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

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Church Missionary House,
Feb. 28. 1837.

Rev. R. Panton
or
J. King

Dear Sir,

Lord Glenelg having apprized the Committee that His Majesty's Government contemplate the immediate employment of an Inspector of Schools for the West Indian Colonies, who shall make a complete tour of inspection of all those Schools on account of which any part of the Parliamentary Grant for Negro Education has been appropriated, I am desired by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to request that

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you will have the privilege to afford the Inspector every assistance and information in your power which may aid him in the due fulfilment of the duties with which he is charged.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates

Rev R. Panton } Jamaica
J King Esq –
Rev L. Strong. Demerara
Rev A Kehl
Rev J. F. Muhlhauser } Trinidad

Rev. R Panton

Church Missionary House
March 1. 1837.

My dear Sir,

1. There are two or three points on which it is necessary that I should address you in addition to what is contained in my Letter of the 28th Ult. also forwarded by this Packet.

2. In your Letter of Nov. 29/36, par. 7, you propose that the Parent Comm. should sanction Mr W. Forbes' coming to this country to be prepared for admission to Holy Orders, and suggest the advisableness of their giving effect to a plan formed by Mr F. for the greater efficiency of his labours at [illegible]. In the present state of the Mission it is the wish of the Committee that no steps should be taken on either of those heads. They could not sanction the contemplated outlay in buildings, &c. in the present precarious state of the Mission: Neither could they sanction, for the same reason, Mr F.'s coming to this country with a view to return to Jamaica in Holy Orders. At the same time the Committee wish it to be distinctly understood that it has afforded them strong satisfaction to receive from the Cor. Comm. so favourable a report of Mr F.'s conduct & labours, and that, should circumstances favour his Ordination in the Island, they would be glad that the Cor. Comm. should promote that object.

3. In par. 4 of my Letter of the 28th ult. the Committee have expressed their approbation of the general course of the Cor. Comm.'s proceedings. It may however be acceptable to you to know that that general statement was

intended to include their approval of your having retained the [illegible] of the [illegible] under the sanction of the Minister of that body of Christians.

4. In the present uncertainty with regard to our position in Jamaica we have not inserted in the Church Missy. Paper the advertisement forwarded to us by the Rev. W. Miller under cover of his Letter Nov. 5/36. Will you have the kindness to apprise Mr. Miller of this circumstance and of our reason for not complying with his request. If Mr. M. wishes the insertion of an Advertisement quite disjoined from the Church Missy. Society it shall be done immediately; but as matters stand we could not receive money or sanction the collection of it for an object its application to which we should not be able in our present circumstances to pledge ourselves.

5. Lord Glenelg has appointed Mr. Charles Joseph Latrobe Inspector of the Schools in the West Indies, the erection of the school-houses of which has been aided by the Parliamentary Grant. He is to make a complete tour of the West Indian Colonies in the discharge of his duties. He sails to his destination, we believe, this week; but we do not know to which Colony he proceeds in the first instance. We have addressed a Letter to you through the Colonial Office at the instance of Lord Glenelg requesting that any assistance may be rendered to Mr. Latrobe in the discharge of his duties. We have the fullest confidence that both the Corr. Comm. & the Missionaries & Schoolmasters will gladly comply with this request. We have every reason to believe that Mr. Latrobe is well qualified for the office to which he is appointed.

I remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates

Rev W K Betts

Church Missionary House
March 15. 1837.

My Dear Sir,

1. We addressed two Letters to the Rev. R. Panton by Packet on the 1st. Inst., one of that day's date & the other of the 20th. ult. Duplicates of those Letters are enclosed. Since they were dispatched the following communications have reached us.

2. Letter of Rev. R. Panton, Jan. 24/37
Letter of John King Esq. Jan. 30/37, with Acct. Curr. for 1836.
Letter of Rev. R. Forbes, Dec. 16/36.
Rev. R. Panton's Notes of an Answer to the charge of the Bp. of
Jamaica, Jan. 7/37.
Rev. R. Panton's Letter to C. H. Darling, Esq. Sept. /36.

Bp. of Jamaica's Propositions, Jan. 16/37.
Rev. R. Panton's Reply to the Bishop's Propositions
Rev. R. Panton's Letter to Bp. Jamaica, Jan. 16/37.
Bishop Jamaica's Letter to Rev. R. Panton, Jan. 16/37.
Particulars of the Nine Government Stations.

2. We were rejoiced to learn from the Despatches before us that a good understanding had been re-established between the Bishop of Jamaica and the Cor. Comm^r. We earnestly hope that things will now go on satisfactorily to both parties. An opportunity has not yet been afforded to us of laying these Despatches before the Committee. We do not doubt however that they will afford them much satisfaction. On one point we are not quite sure that we understand the import of the Bishop's proposition. It is the latter part of par. 2 as follows: "and in the purchase or conveyance of lands or buildings for the purpose of erecting, consecrating or licensing Places of Public Worship, with a view to the general order & discipline of the Diocese and the usefulness of the Society itself." Connected as this clause of the sentence is with the preceding one by the conjunction "and" we understand the import to be that when lands or buildings are acquired by the Society for the purpose of erecting, &c. Places of Public Worship a communication is to be made to the Bishop in writing so as to bring such buildings regularly under his Lordship's cognizance and to obtain his licence; but not in any way to affect the Society's right to the property or that of the Committee in the appointment of the Trustees by whom it is to be held. The construction appears to us to be clear, but as it is a point of much importance it ought not to be liable to any doubt. We should therefore be glad to be informed whether the Cor. Comm^r. attach to this part of the Bishop's requisition the same meaning which we do.

3. The last Packet also brought us a Letter from the Bishop of Jamaica, apprising us of the re-establishment of friendly relations between himself & the Cor. Comm^r. A copy of his Lordship's Letter, dated Jan. 29/37, is enclosed for the information of the Cor. Comm^r.

4. We address this Letter to you at the instance of the Rev. R. Panton, who we suppose will have left Jamaica for England before it arrives.

5. The Committee felt much reluctance to suggest your removal from [illegible] having felt entire satisfaction at your proceedings there. The Normal School however appears to them so fundamental to the advantageous diffusion of religious instruction among the enfranchised

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population they deem it a paramount duty to make the best provision in their power for that Institution. The Rev. C. L. F. Haensel's relinquishment of the Normal School is a severe loss to us. We cannot but think that he will see reason eventually to regret his having taken this step.

6. The Rev. R. Forbes' withdrawal from his connexion with the Society gives us much ~~pleasure~~ pain because we infer from the tenor of his Letter to Mr. Panton announcing his intention to do so that it resulted from the unsatisfactory state of his own mind.

Praying that you & Mrs. Betts may still continue to enjoy much of the divine blessing in your own souls & in your labours,

We remain,

Truly & affect.ly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House

March 15th 1837.

Rev. L. Strong

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our last Letter, Jan 9/37, of which a duplicate is enclosed, we have received yours of Oct. 18/36, the Minutes of the Corr. Comm. which it covered, & Mr. Pollard's Letter to Mr. Armstrong of Sept 28/36. We have also received two Letters from Mr. Armstrong of Nov. 15 & 17/36 in reference to his quitting [illegible] Point & certain pecuniary claims on the Society.

2. After considering the communications of the Corr. Comm. & of Mr. Armstrong's Letters, relative to his pecuniary claims, the Committee on the 7th Inst. adopted the Resolutions copied below.

3. One ground of claim on the part of Mr. Armstrong in his Letter was to the insufficiency of his salary. As the Committee have reason to believe that no just claim for pecuniary allowance can be made on this ground they have, as you will perceive by the first Resolution, disallowed its validity.

4. With regard to Mr. Armstrong's application on other specific grounds the Comm. are willing to give them a liberal consideration though there are many circumstances in Mr. A's conduct both toward the Corr. Comm. and themselves which divest him of any claim upon them beyond what its merit might in strictness entitle him to. On this principle the Com.ee

approval of the Gov. Genl.'s having allowed Mr. Armstrong the expenses incurred relative to his Sisters' Passage to Barbados, & children's Passage. Mr. A. in his Letter to us complains that the sum (40 dollars) allowed for his passage to Barbados was only one half of what it cost them. As the Gov. Genl. had agreed to pay Mr. Armstrong's passage thither and must be well informed as to the cost of it, the Comee. cannot suppose that the sum assigned by the Gov. Genl. was insufficient. Should they however on reconsideration be of opinion that it was inadequate they will be at liberty to make such an addition as they may think called for.

5. With respect to Mr. Armstrong's claim for the 100 Rs. as a balance due to him on the adjustment of Mr. Smith's accounts, it turns on considerations of the validity of which the Gov. Genl. must be the best judges. Our impression is that Mr. A. is not of right entitled to this sum. The Committee have however referred it to the Corr. Comt. by the 2. Resolution, jointly to adjust with Mr. S. all the matters referred to by him in his Letter to us Mar. 17/36. To enable you to do so a copy of that Letter is enclosed.

6. We regret that you do not appear to have erected two School-houses aided by the Government Grant on account of Negro Education. Though we should have been glad had the Grant been less restricted, yet we do not consider that a sufficient reason for not availing ourselves of it. It was the view of the Committee that those two School-houses should be erected on the sites described in the Plan of St. Matthew's Parish transmitted under cover of your Letter, March 17/36. For the erection of the two the total sum of £[illegible] was allowed by the Committee's Resolution of June 6/36. That Resolution is copied below. The Cor. Com. will therefore have the goodness to take measures for giving effect to that Resolution if it have not been already done. The Committee would pay £30 per annum for the Master.

7. We ought to have stated above that the Committee acquiesce in the Corr. Committee's having allowed for the cow killed by the Indians, as the value we suppose is not considerable.

We remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. W. K. Betts, Mar. 1837

Church Missionary House, London,
March 18th 1837.

Dear Brother Betts,

We do not seem to have been favoured for some time with communications from you: but I adhere to my old hope, that some are on their way, as I know you to be expert enough at your pen. You are aware of the value of Missionary letters to us: not only do they serve as a guidance to our measures, & as matter for the C.M. Record; but they are read, meditated on, & spoken on, at every Association throughout the kingdom: and thus many prayers and thanksgivings abound, before God.

We have had a little glimpse of your proceedings through the Rev. Mr. Griffiths, now in this country: as also by the letters of Mr. Paxton, the Secretary to the Corresp. Committee. But this does not satiate us. We love to have a Missionary's own account of his own station.

It is now Saturday; & as, like all my brethren, on this the last day of our preparation I am looking forward to what, & how, I shall speak on the morrow, you are welcome to some of the thoughts that are passing through my heart. 'Do I speak to the consciences of those who hear me? - and, from my own conscience & experience? Is the holy nature of God & his law set forth, so as to constrain them to cry out, 'What must I do to be saved?' Is all the fulness of Christ set before them, for wisdom, righteousness, sanctification & redemption.

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Do I shew them how to put on Christ - & to put off Self? Am I gentle towards the lambs of the flock: Do I solemnly expect all to receive the word, as coming from God? What are my prayers in relation to this arduous office committed to my trust? What account shall I give to Him that sent me?"

I will add no more at present, but entreat you to write soon & fully. And may the Divine Blessing rest on all your labours!

Yours, affectionately,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
March 20th 1837.

Dear Brother Dixon,

By the arrival of our friend, the Rev. Mr Griffiths, from Jamaica, we are happy to hear more particularly of the well-being & the well-doing of our brethren in that Island. You are, I trust, more comfortable, because more settled; and the work of the Lord, we hope, prospers in your hand. We must not always limit our views of that prosperity to our own perception or actual sense of it: there may be much good doing when we have little of the enjoyment of it, much seed vegetating to cheer us hereafter with an abundant crop, though now we may go forth on our way weeping. Our own chief sorrows should be, not only the obstinacy & blindness of those to whom we minister, but also

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our own unbelief, impatience, & weariness. (Did we love our Master more, we should be ready to take his work at any wages; yea, work for nothing; nay more, ~~work for~~ spend our strength on the ungrateful & unholy – all the day long stretching forth our hands to a disobedient & gainsaying people. But I hope he grants you now & then some clear tokens of the reward of your labour: you must let us read of these that we may rejoice with you. Or, if disappointment be your lot, still let us know, that we may sympathize with you. I allude, of course, to full journal-writing.

The gross ignorance & superstitiousness of many of the people surrounding you, are just such as we might naturally expect from the miserable bringing-up which they have had for now so many generations. But may we not exult in the thought that the darkness is past, & the true light now shineth? O let it shine more & more, in all your teaching & conversation. Aim also at bringing, not only your own household, but all professors of religion, to consistency of living. And rule them all with love: then I think we shall have good news from you concerning many of them – good news from a far country.

With kind remembrances to Mrs Dixon, I remain,

Affectionately Yours

Wm Jowett.

March 20/37. Rev. H L. Dixon.

Church Miſsionary House, London,
March 20. 1837.

Dear Brother Seſsing,

Our valued friend, the Rev. Jno. Griffiths, having just come to this country, it gave us much pleasure to hear from his lips a good report of your proceedings. Your own letters, though not so full as we could wish, had already convinced us that you found your happineſs in your work. This is surely, as it should be: & it will be so always, when we undertake our Miſsionary charge from love to Christ, & keep close to Him in all our walk & conversation. Our corruptions, however, are such that we seldom go far without some mixed motives: our gold has a great deal of droſs mingled with it: and this must be purged out, that the gold may remain, purified, to the glory of his grace. You have been so long in the Miſsionary field, now in one part, now in another, that experience, I should trust, has rendered you more alive to these thoughts than younger Miſsionaries are wont to be. You are more distrustful of Self, more dependent on Christ. His pardoning, restraining, quickening, sanctifying, comforting grace is, I should hope, every year more precious to you. Well – if this be your resource, all is right: for He is an inexhaustible Fountain, where we may drink freely; & the more thirsty we are when we approach Him, the more welcome shall we be. – I fancy to myself how you interest yourself, & Mrs Seſsing too, about the people under your charge. "Feed my lambs – feed my sheep" –

there are your offices of love. And they cannot be fulfilled without love. Let us remember how dry to ourselves, & how withered in the sight of God, are all our services, which are not copiously enriched with the motive of love to Christ. — I may add, however, another thought – that our services must not consist merely of feeling: the detail is to be worked out. This, too, you well understand. — I should be glad to urge on you more writing: you cannot conceive how neceſsary, & how refreshing the Miſsionary Journals are to us: not so much feelings, as facts, conversations, & whatever illustrates the power of the Gospel working on the hearts of old & young. Pray bear this in mind & act upon it. — With kind remembrances to Mrs Leſsing,

I remain,
Yours affectionately
Wm Jowett.

Church Miſsionary House, London,
March 18th 1837.

Dear Mr Newman,

We have heard very little as yet from you, & we much regret it; as letters help to keep up life, & unite the hearts of those who are bent on the same great & bleſsed object. I am indeed aware that you have found some unexpected difficulties in your first settling to the work: but long ago I should hope these have been got over, and you are now *doing* a work, & know *what* you are doing. Tell it to us, then: & that, not merely

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in figures, saying, "So many Scholars, or so many hours." But give us an insight into the dispositions of the children: especially where there is any sign of a gracious work going on in any heart. Tell us their simple feelings, & their simple expressions; carefully adhering to truth, but still giving us the real colour of their experience. The language of little school-children on religious subjects is often the most touching that can be.

I would at the same time remind you, as I think I have formerly done, how needful it is in that corrupt & ensnaring land, to keep the heart with all diligence – to make a covenant with the eyes – & to set a watch at the door of the lips. The Saviour whom you serve, sees all your temptations & trials; keep near to Him, & He will carry you through all, & you will be one more monument to the praise of the glory of His grace. I remain, very sincerely Yours,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,

London, March 27. 1837.

Dear Mr Holt,

The account which you gave us of the State & progress of your labours last Autumn was very satisfactory, as evincing the willingness, or rather eagerness of the Natives & the young under your charge to receive instruction. They may seem shy at first, hardly believing that we mean kindness: this is always the case with those who have been in a state of oppression. But gentleness & perseverance convince them at length. I say, *perseverance*; because, if our kindness were only occasional, they would not get into the *habit* of trusting us – a thing exceedingly to be desired. And hence the importance of your & Mrs Holt's aiming, as I trust you do, at one, simple, uniform course of conduct & labour among your youthful charge. To be found by them always kind, always serviceable to them, is the sure way to win, & to *keep* their little hearts.

Your success in stirring them up to make Missionary Collections was very encouraging. Possibly with some of them this ardour has not been permanent – yet I hope it may. It occurred to me that in your reading to them the accounts of the operations in Sierra Leone, your range – (if you intended to confine yourself to that Mission) – was very small, & that the matter would soon come to an end. However, it was very wise to lead them on by what was most likely to interest them. Probably you make them acquainted with the other Missions; in which there are many interesting anecdotes, adapted to their

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capacities. The more systematically this is done, the better; not merely as a matter of temporary excitement.

That your own souls may be watered, while you are watered yourselves is the sincere prayer of Yours, very truly,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
March 27. 1837.

Dear Mr. Pollitt,

I am glad to find that a letter from me is acceptable to you: I am so thoroughly persuaded that Missionary labourers are in some danger of flagging in their exertions & in their spirituality, unless they receive some affectionate reminder from friends at home, that I never take up my pen with greater pleasure than on occasions like these. I well remember a plain, good man, with a respectful manner once addressing to me the question "Hast "thou kept thyself in the love of God?" His words coming suddenly, rather surprised me: nor would I recommend to you, or to any one else, an abrupt manner of speaking to persons especially on religious subjects, or on matters of personal experience. Such a mode of familiarity offends & repels most men.

Mr. J. Gobat. Mar. 27/37
Mr. T. Yound, Mar. 27/37

Yet the words which this good man addressed to me have never left my memory. And as, at the distance of thousands of miles, a letter can hardly be thought guilty of abruptness, I would address the same to you— "Hast thou kept thyself in the love of God?" Has your work been endeared to you, as done unto the Lord; & have the frames of your mind, in your secret communings with the Saviour given peaceful & sure evidence that you are His? If so, it is well: if any time you feel as if you were declining, return to him, humbly, believingly & with renewed ardour — and, above all, not in your own strength, but in the grace of Christ. His grace is sufficient for you!

I am writing, you see, in ignorance of what your state may be; yet hoping for the best. Let us have more Letters from you; & I would beg you especially to give us a graphic account of your labours, your trials & successes, in full detail.

I remain,
Very sincerely Yours,
Wm Jowett.
Church Missionary House, London,
March 27. 1837.

Dear Brother Yound,

We have long known you as a Labourer in the Missionary field; & now I have great pleasure in hailing you as a brother in the Ministry. Time, you see, or rather I should say the patient abiding of the Lord's leisure, brings with it the desired end. And you have, no doubt, the comfort of feeling that experience has had its usual effect in rendering you in several respects better prepared for the solemn & responsible duties of the Ministerial office. May you thus be led on, in increasing fitness, to full Orders; & may you have grace to make full proof of your Ministry!

You will, I am sure, agree with me, that one of the most essential qualities in a faithful Minister & Missionary is, a deep sense of his own inadequacy & unworthiness; yea, an ever-increasing sense of this. "Who is sufficient for these things?" The Lord does, indeed, invariably bless those the most who are thus clothed with humility. And perhaps, if we could hear the honest confessions of some of his most honoured Servants, it would be to this effect _ 'I entered on my work, professing "humility, teaching humility to others, & deeming "myself a fair proficient in that grace. But I "have now long since discovered my mistake, & seen "how much of pride & self mingled with what "myself & others esteemed the most highly. God has

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"been very gracious, in humbling me for my supposed humility." But, dear brother, it is not even in real humility that we must rest. We must aim at every other good & perfect gift. And blessed be God for that Scripture-promise, "He giveth more grace." let us plead that, live upon it, and go forward!

Yours, Affectionately,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, March 31st 1837.

My Lord, I have the honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 21st January last, stating that the Intercourse between your Lordship & the Corresponding Committee of the Church Missionary Society in Jamaica, which had previously been suspended, had been renewed through the friendly offices of the Rev. Mr Williams, Rector of St Elizabeth.

The Letter of 14th February last, which I had the honor of addressing to your Lordship on behalf of our Committee, will have evinced their solicitude that a perfectly good understanding should subsist between your Lordship & the Corresponding Committee. As this has now happily been effected, our Committee direct me to express their great satisfaction at the re-establishment of your Lordship's communications with the Corresponding Committee, & their Secretary Mr. Panton.

Earnestly desirous to fulfil, in conformity with the principles of the Church of England, their measure of Christian duty to the emancipated population of the West Indies, our Committee rest assured of your Lordship's promised countenance; & humbly, but confidently look for the Divine Blessing on this work, which has for its object the glory of the Redeemer, & the Salvation of the Souls of men.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful Servant,
William Jowett,
Sec. C.M.S.

To The Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Jamaica.

J. King, Esq

Church Missionary Society.
May 30. 1837

Dear Sir,

1. By the ship "Dominica", Capt. Archbald, we forward two cases, containing our publications to the present date and articles for the Missionaries. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

2. The following Bills have been presented on account of the Mission since those particularised in our Letter to Rev. R. Panton, Dec. 8/36, par. 5:-

Nov. 5/36. J. King, Esq.	£300.-.-	Mar. 14/37. J. King, Esq.	£500.-.-
— 25/36 — . —	500.-.-	— . — . —	500.-.-
Dec. 6/36 — . —	300.-.-	— . — . —	164. 4. 2
		— . — . —	150.-.-
Jan. 26/37 — . —	164. 2. 9	— . — . —	350.-.-
Dec. 31/36 — . —	300.-.-	Mar. 28 — . —	300.-.-
— . — . —	300.-.-	— . — . —	300.-.-
Nov. 29/36 — . —	425.-.-	Mar. 9 — . —	350.-.-

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Rev. W. K. Betts, June 1/37

3. The Rev. R. Panton reached us in health & safety on the 27th. Inst. Mrs. Panton's health had somewhat improved on the voyage.

4. We have received the Rev. W. K. Betts' Letter of the 18th ult., and hope to reply to it by Packet on the 1st prox.

5. We have not yet been able to take the judgment of the Committee on the purchase of "the Grove"; but anticipate their approbation of the proceedings of the Corr. Comm. in this matter.

6. Allow us again to request the transmission of the Accounts Current of the Mission for the year 1836. It is of importance that we should receive the Accounts immediately after the expiration of each year.

We remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly yours,

Church Missionary House,
June 1st 1837.

Dear Bro. Betts,

1. We wrote to you March 15/37, of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed, and we have since received your Letter of April 18/37.

2. In a letter to Mr. King, by this ship, I stated my intention of writing to you on the affairs of the Mission by Packet, but am not yet in a situation to do so. I therefore write a line now to enclose Forms of Returns for the different Stations. These I beg you will procure to be filled up to the 31st of December last & returned to us with as little delay as practicable. I scarcely need point out to you the importance of the utmost accuracy in the several particulars comprised in the Returns.

3. The Rev. R. Panton has just reached us in good health. Mrs. P. is somewhat the better for the voyage.

I remain,
Dear Bro.,
Truly yours,
D. Coat

June 30/37. Rev Messrs Muhlhauser & Hekel

Messrs Muhlhauser & Hekel

Church Missionary House,

Dear Brethren,

June 30. 1837.

1. Since the despatch of our letter of Feb. 9/37, the following communications from Trinidad have reached us:

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's letters of Nov. 28/36. Jan. 28, Feb. 21, Mar. 18/37.

Rev. A. Hekel's letters of Dec. 31/36, Feb. 15, & two of April 11/37.

Mr J. H. Williams' letters of Feb. 6 & 20/37.

Return of San Fernando, Dec. 31/36, & Account Current. — do

Returns & Account Current of Savanna Grande, 1836.

2. The early removal by death of Mr Mc Arthur is an afflictive dispensation, & one which we had not anticipated. It is difficult duly to impress the minds of our friends with the necessity of guarding at their first coming out with equal care against indolence on one hand, & an undue exposure to climate on the other; but each of these is a duty incumbent on the Missionary in a tropical climate. We fear, from some remarks, that our departed friend had not been sufficiently aware of the dangerous effects of climate on the European constitution in his new situation. While however we deplore his loss, we doubt not that he "rests from his labours," & that, though the period in which he was engaged in them was short, he was accepted in them.

3. We observe that application was made to the Bishop of Barbad for Licenses for Messrs Mc Arthur & Williams. By the arrangement entered into with the Bishop by the Committee when his Lordship was in England, Laymen employed in the Mission as Catechists or Schoolmasters were not to be licensed by the Bishop, but simply reported to him as employed in the Mission. This was done with reference to Messrs Mc Arthur & Williams, Nov. 11/36, in a letter of the Rev. W. Jowett to the Bishop. All therefore that will be requisite on any future occasion will be that you should apprize the Bishop of the arrival of any Catechist or Schoolmaster, should that communication not have been previously made from home, without applying for a license.

4. You will have the kindness in future to make the Returns of

the Mission in the printed forms sent out for that purpose, adding any additional information of an explanatory nature which you may deem requisite. It is almost superfluous to remark that the greatest care should be taken that the Returns are full & accurate. It is the wish of the Committee that these Returns should be made up to the 31st of December of each year, & transmitted with as speedily after that date as possible.

5. The Comee feel much satisfaction at the progress which, under the divine blessing, your labours have made. They therefore are prepared to give you all the support which the means at their disposal admit. Under this impression they have set apart two of the students now in the Institution for Trinidad, Messrs King & Redford. It is proposed that they should take their departure early in October. They will probably go out unmarried.

6. With reference to Mr Eckel's enquiry relative to the piece of woodland set apart by Governor Woodford as a glebe for the church, it appears to us that it should follow the circumstances of the church itself. If the church belong to the Society, the Governor should be applied to to vest it in the Bishop on behalf of the Society in the same manner, as is done, we presume, with regard to the grants of land made to the Society at your respective Stations. The mode in which it would be advisable that the trusteeship of all lands granted to the Society should be constituted, was explained in a letter on the subject to Sir G. Grey, June & 30/38. A copy of this letter is enclosed for your information, & we regret that through inadvertence it was not communicated to you before. If, on the other hand, the church in question is the property of the Bishop independently of the Society, the proprietary of the glebe should also be in the Bishop. At all events it is desirable to have the woodland in question regularly secured to the Society or the Bishop as the case may be.

7. The Committee approve of your having paid part of Mr Bowroke's salary on account of the Society & while this is done, the school

should be included in your Returns. Should the school be wholly provided for without aid from the Society, it should then not be included.

8. The Comm.ee wish that additional schools should be opened whenever you can place them in the hands of an efficient Master, & duly superintend them. We wish you particularly to bear in mind that the formation of schools should not be carried beyond the limits of your capacity efficiently to superintend them, & that it would not be advisable that you should attempt more in this way than is compatible with the preservation of your health & the discharge of your ministerial duties.

9. The different articles applied for shall be sent so far as we can procure them.

10. The following Bills have been presented on account of the Mission since those particularized in Par. 12 of our letter of June 30/36:-

May 24/36	Mess.rs Mulh. & Eckel	£200	Nov. 1/36	Rev. A. Eckel	£20
Aug. 1/36	do.	200	Nov. 18/.	do.	£30
29/.	do.	50	Jan. 3/37	Mess.rs M. & Eckel	£200
20/.	do.	150	Feb. 2/.	do.	100
28/.	do.	100	Mar. 25/.	Mr. Eckel	72
Sep. 28/.	do.	250	Feb. 21/.	Mess.rs M. & E.	150
Oct. 12/.	do.	50	Apl. 24/.	Mr. Eckel	60

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11. It was quite proper that Mess.rs McArthur & Williams' arrival in the island, & their object, should be reported to the Governor, though without making them in any way dependent upon him as to their employment or labours.

12. The Committee are glad to observe the efforts made by you to promote the due observance of the Lord's Day at your respective Stations. This object is so important that it should be borne in mind constantly, & steadily prosecuted, having respect, however, in doing so, to the peculiar circumstances in which you are placed. The Bishop will no doubt render you every assistance in his power in promoting this very important object.

13. The indications of some dispositions on the part of Mr. Williams

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to incur undue expense, had given us pain, & it was Mr. Muhlhausen's duty frankly & kindly to check it & to make us acquainted with the circumstances. We trust that the representations made to Mr. Williams will lead him to correct his error. Of this we are the more solicitous, as the incurring of unnecessary expense is not only a waste of the funds of the Society, but usually springs from a disposition to self indulgence likely to be destructive to the usefulness of the individual. However irksome therefore it may be to you to take cognizance of these matters, the interests of the Society & of the individual himself call for this sacrifice at your hands. The Comm. would be glad to place you all on fixed salaries, so soon as you have gained sufficient information, & are become sufficiently settled in your situations to decide what your circumstances really require. They will therefore be glad to receive your suggestions on this head, as soon as you are in a situation to offer them with satisfaction to yourselves. In the meantime the allowances to all the Catechists & Schoolmasters must be regulated according to your own deliberate judgement of what their circumstances require. With regard to Mr. Williams' house, the size and cost of it must be regulated entirely by your own judgment of what is really necessary for him, practising in this as well as in all other parts of your expenditure the strictest economy which is consistent with a due regard to health & usefulness.

24. In reference to Mr. Ketel's enquiry whether he is permitted to divide the sum of £250 allowed for the erection of a Schoolhouse so as to provide two or three smaller ones, we conceive that H. M. Government would not object to such an arrangement, provided that at least an equal number of children were educated for the same grant.

25. In those cases where the erection of a Schoolhouse is aided by the contributions of the people themselves, they must be made clearly to understand that the building will be the exclusive property of the Society, & that they will have no control whatever over the arrangement

of the school.

With kind regards to all,

I remain, Dear Brethren,
Truly & affect.ly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. CMS.

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P.S. We are not sure whether you distinctly understand the extent to which you are authorized to go in the erection of school-houses out of the Parliamentary Grants & therefore recapitulate the particulars. Two were authorized out of the grant of 1835; two out of that of 1836; & we have now been permitted to transfer to Trinidad two for which a grant had been obtained for Berbice, but which was not carried into effect in consequence of the removal of the Rev. J.H. Bernau to Demerara. You have therefore at your disposal altogether six grants for the erection of the school-houses on the terms formerly explained.

Church Missionary House
July 1, 1837

Dear Brother Betts,

1 We addressed a few lines to you on the 1st Ult.o by the "Dominica" and have now to acknowledge your letter of May 2/37 Mr Kissey's of Ap. 29 and May 10/37 and the Account Current of the Mission for the year 1836.

2 When we stated, Nov 1/36, that Gov.t had granted to the Society the same sum "in aid of W. Ind. education" as the preceding year, we meant the total grant to the Society for all the West Indies.

For Jamaica the proportion was for the erection of seven schoolhouses at the same rate for each - 2/3 of £20 as before. That would be as you calculate, £46.13.4 for the seven schoolhouses. The grants for the two years providing for sixteen Schoolhouses in Jamaica, the sum of £800, mentioned in Par. 5 Nov 1/36 was for the Gov. proportion one third of the salary of sixteen Schoolmasters assuming that they would average including Coloured persons and Europeans £150 per Ann. each.

3 We are much concerned to learn from your letter before us that "for the other seven schools (for which the Gov. grant for 1836 was made) we have as yet neither Stations nor Teachers". This is the more embarrassing as H. M. Gov. are pressing us for information as to the erection of School houses and the state of the Schools. We are aware of the difficulties which impede the Cor. Com.; but it is so important that the engagements into which the Committee have entered with Government should be punctually fulfilled that we must earnestly entreat them to use every practicable exertion in order to complete the erection of the whole sixteen Schoolhouses with the least possible delay. The Committee have set apart three additional ~~Catechists~~ Lay Teachers for Jamaica who will (D.V.) come out in Oct. To these a fourth individual now employed as a National Schoolmaster may possibly be added; but his case has not yet been decided upon by the Com. The Cor. Com. will however see how important it is that they should engage Schoolmasters on the spot to as large extent as possible.

4 There are several points connected with the Jamaica Mission on which we have not yet been able to obtain the decision of the Committee. We however hope to do so previously

to the next Packet.

Begging kind regards to Mrs Betts and to all in the Cor. Comm. in the Mission

We remain,
Dear Brother,
Truly & affec. Yours

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
July 20. 1837.

W.B. Pollard, Esq

Dear Sir.

1. Our last letter to Mr Strong was under date of Mar. 10/37. A duplicate is enclosed. Since that date no communication from the Mission has reached us, except a letter from the Rev. S. Strong since his arrival in England.

2. We are placed in circumstances of considerable embarrassment in consequence of the non-erection of the two Schoolhouses in Demerara, for which we had applied for & obtained the Government grant. The Government require information of the erection of the Schoolhouses & the establishment of the schools, to lay before Parliament, & are entitled to receive it. They are also solicitous that the apprentices should enjoy the religious advantages which it is the design of the Legislature to impart to them by the grant, with as little delay as possible. We beg, therefore, the immediate attention of the Comtee to this subject, & that they will give effect to the grant as early as practicable. We beg also that they will give us early & full information of the steps taken by them in the business, that the Committee may be placed in a situation to meet the reasonable expectations of Government as to the outlay of public money. & the attainment of the

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end for which the Comm.ee have made themselves responsible in the appropriation of it.

I remain

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Church Missionary House

July 20 1837.

Messrs Bernau & Youd

Dear Brethren,

1. We last wrote to Mr Bernau Jan. 31/37, since which date we have received his letters Dec. 22/36, his Journal Oct. 26/36 to Jan. 20/37, & account current for 1836. We have also to acknowledge Mr Youd's letter of Jan. 24/37.

2. We forward our usual publications by this ship, the Protector, Capt. Davison, which will inform you generally of the state of our proceedings.

3. We are solicitously looking for details of your proceedings since Mr Bernau joined the Mission.

4. The Rev. L. Strong has arrived in England, but we have not yet seen him.

With kind regards to Mrs Bernau & Mrs Youd, & also to Mr Doyce,

I remain

Dear Brethren,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Church Missionary House,

July 20. 1837.

Messrs Eckel & Muhlhauser

Dear Brethren,

1. We last wrote to you under date of June 30, 1837, of which a duplicate is enclosed; since which period Mr Muhlhauser's letter by Mrs Mc Arthur without date,

[illegible] Rev. Mess. Muhlhauser & Eckel

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enclosing a copy of his letter to Sir George Hill, Apl. 18/37, & Mr. Eckel's of May 8/37 have reached us.

2. There are several points on which we wish to address you; but it is not practicable for us to do it at present. We cannot, however, refrain from expressing our strong satisfaction at the endeavours employed by Mr. Muhlhauser to prevent the lamentable desecration of the Lord's Day which prevails in his District. We trust he will continue perseveringly to employ the means within his reach for the suppression of a practice so highly dishonouring to God & so injurious to the religious welfare of the people.

3. By this ship the Fame, Capt. Hall, we forward our Publications to the present date. The invoice is enclosed.

With kind regards to Mrs. Muhlhauser,

I remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

To J. King Esqre

C. M. House, London, August 11th 1837.

Dear Sir, In the absence of Mr Coates, I have the pleasure to forward to you the Invoice as above, & the enclosed Bill of Lading

I remain, Dear Sir,

faithfully Yours

Wm Jowett.

Rev. J. H. Bernau, Aug. 31/57

Church Missionary House, London.
August 31st 1857.

Dear Brother Bernau,

All the ways of the Lord are faithfulness & truth to those who stand fast in his Covenant: & this I think you find to have been the case in His dealings thus far with you & yours. Your Journals give me a somewhat clear view of this. In times of suffering at Ackhyne, He did not forsake you. Then He led you about to another habitation: & finally He now causes you to pitch your tent at Bartica. When I observe the various moves which Missionaries make, from the day that they first commence as Candidates, to the fixing, unfixing, & re-fixing of their Stations, it seems to me that they ought to be very much in the frame of mind, that we see in Abraham who at the first went out, not knowing whither he went; & also afterwards with the other patriarchs dwelt in tents having no inheritance, but living on the promises. We would not willingly unsettle, or be unsettled: but the Providence of God, in the affairs of his Church, causes us from time to time to be, as it were, on the move. If we sought our own will only, we should always be endeavouring to build on that little word, *Rest*. But the Lord seems rather to catechize his Children on these three words, *Come*, Go, *Stay*; and when we seem to ourselves pretty perfect in them,

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Aug. 31/37. Rev. T. Youd

he often asks me to repeat them again.

I am much inclined to think that your dear wife enjoys, as well as yourself, much of a quiet, settled mind, in the midst of all your vicissitudes. I was but two days ago talking with Dr. Steinkopff about her dear sister, & Ockbrook. Rest in Jesus is real rest; it cannot be shaken.

I do most earnestly trust that with Brother Youd, you are enabled to maintain true fellowship. Surely you both know how this is maintained — by secret intercession for one another; & by social prayers with one another, your families also joining. I used to enjoy much of this at Malta; & very fond was I of that verse, Let brotherly love continue.

Let us continue to have your Letters & Journals. You have got just the right idea of what a Journal should be. You have made me mourn over that Jewish Rabbi, & pray for that Infidel blacksmith. May the Lord direct your pen, &, above all, keep your heart!

Kind remembrances to Mrs Bernau.

Yrs affectionately,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
August 31st 1837.

Dear Brother Youd,

Your journals which have ever been interesting in old times, have latterly been shorter: but this we naturally attribute to the interruptions occasioned by the re-modelling of

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Stations, &c. and especially your visit to Barbados for Holy Orders. The same mind, we are persuaded, is in you; & I rejoice also in the thought that your partner is a true yoke-fellow: may she do you good all the days of your life! Will she allow me to add that a letter from her to me would be very acceptable; containing a little account of her own feelings in the Mission, & some views of the state of things & persons around her — especially the Native Females. It will be a useful exercise to her, interesting to me, & may lead to some practical hints.

When looking back at some few years past, & your position during that time, my mind was forcibly impressed with the recollection of the closing portion of Acts 15. which occurred last evening in my family-prayers. What a painful picture; yet how instructive! It seems not difficult to fix the blame principally on Barnabas; & yet the mind is left in suspense as to whether there may not have been some fault on both sides. It is, at all events, a grievous thing to find one's self in any position relative to a strife. However we must gain all the advantage possible from that history; not overlooking the darker pictures which the Holy Spirit has been pleased to set before us. "The things which "make for peace, & things whereby one may edify "another" — seems to be a twofold clause, betokening close connection between the things spoken of. You &

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our brother Bernau and you at near Stations, & appointed fellow-labourers: he has always appeared to us to be endued by the Lord with a very conscientious, judicious & friendly spirit: I have always felt that he was a man to whom I liked to be near. May I hope that you have somewhat of the same view of him; & that he & you, & your respective families draw well together in the Gospel yoke. Mutual peace & mutual edification go hand in hand; & this mutual edification springs much from our praying for brethren, & praying with brethren. I drop these gentle hints in the ears of both of you; & I pray for the soul's welfare of you all. Yrs affectionately,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
August 31st 1837.

Dear Mr Carter,

Let me thank you for your letters & Journals, which give me a very good idea of your plans & proceedings. I regret, however, to find that your health is often not of the best sort; that fevers & head-aches too frequently lay you aside. When I say "too frequently" I do not mean more often than might be helped, but more so than could be wished. You know best whether you have learned the art of taking due precautions before hand; or due care after, whenever fever comes near you. I know, with much sympathy, that uncertain health generally attends a hot climate. By my hints I only wish to remind you to make the best of the case

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and, under the blessing of Him, in whom we live & move & have our being, to study yet deeper & deeper the art of living & moving to the best purpose. Study, as medical men advise, the laedentia et juvantia.

In your labours, as you report them, I notice one thing which it may be useful to name. It has struck me that there is, perhaps, a want of Catechising in your School plans. I observe that you exhort the children, address them & pray with them: but I have not observed so much stress laid on Catechization. Now, if you have time in your movements from place to place, this is one of the most important of all methods to fix wandering eyes, & instruct ignorant minds. It does indeed require alacrity of spirit: & I can easily conceive that under a painful head-ache you would find it difficult to catechize well. But when the practice is systematically learned & adopted, it is wonderful how it serves to teach not the young only, but also grown-up people that may be present.

Let me add, in connection with this subject, what a daily catechizing of our own hearts we all need! What private pondering over the blessed Word of God; what self application & self examination; what prayer, what watchfulness! I hope, dear friend, you constantly bear these things in mind, and that you are seeking for yourself, as well as for

Oct 9/37. Mr J. Paul.

others, growth in grace, & in the knowledge of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ!

Believe me, Yours most truly,
Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House, London,
October 9th 1837.

Dear Mr Paul,

I have noticed with concern that your communications to us, or to the Corresponding Committee at Jamaica are nothing-like so frequent or full as is desirable. Perhaps you find some difficulty in knowing what to report: or possibly you have at the outset felt the work to be so new & arduous, that you would scarcely get leisure. However the case may have been, I would earnestly beg of you to repair, as much as may be, the omission, now: & that I may not appear in the ungracious character of a reprover, but rather as a friendly adviser, allow me to give you a few hints which may help & quicken you in your Journal-writing.

In the first place I would lay stress on your punctually preparing the reports of the numbers of your Scholars, male & female. They may sometimes fluctuate, and this will discourage you: but let it not do so. Cast up your totals weekly & set them down, adding any remarks that may explain variations. Unless you do this part, which is a matter of figures, regularly, you may easily be embarrassed, & scarcely know how your schools stand.

Next, have your eye always on the most promising Scholars: let us know their names, ages, capacities & progress. To watch them, & to report about them, you will find a great encouragement to your own mind.

But another point, on which I would lay the greatest stress is, the watching for the openings of religious knowledge & feeling in the hearts of any of the youth under your & Mrs Paul's charge. To do this well & conscientiously, you both of you have need to walk very closely with God, so that you may yourselves experience much of the inward work of grace, & be led to understand it more deeply, & prize it more affectionately. That one short exhortation of St Jude, "Keep yourselves in the love of God" – is a most needful motto to a Missionary Labourer & his wife. I entreat of you both to weigh it well: – and then, with that wisdom that is from above, with a pure heart & conscience, & with the meekness & gentleness of Christ, enquire into the spiritual attainments of your scholars. Remember that you are both to be, not merely their Teachers, but also their Spiritual Pattern & Guide. Being such to them, & maintaining by the grace of God a spotless & exemplary character before them, you will have your Master's blessing on your work. Let us then hear from you some of the instances of that keeping. Reports & Journals are very dry without this. God grant that these few affectionate lines from me may help to quicken you both!

I remain, very truly Yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, Oct. 9th 1837.

Dear Mr Pollitt,

It has occasioned me concern to observe that your communications, — whether to us at home, or to the Corresponding Committee in Jamaica, — have not been so frequent or so full as is desirable. In one of your latest letters you notice the indisposition of Mrs Pollitt, & your little one. These are trials; but they are such as family-people, & particularly on Missionary ground, are continually liable to suffer. We sympathise with you under them: we hope they are passed away, or mitigated; & that your work, among both male & female scholars, is advancing. There is one point on which I am particularly desirous to stir up your mind, & that of Mrs Pollitt: it is, to have a special eye to the spiritual welfare of the young under your charge. Do not regard yourselves simply as Teachers of secular things, such as reading & writing, geography, Arithmetic, &c. In these, indeed, aim at making all excel: but while you teach the Scriptures, let it be in the spirit of prayer, & with much actual prayer, that the understandings of the young may be enlightened, their affections kindled, & their lives influenced by what they learn. To this end, yourself & Mrs Pollitt will often need a revival in your own hearts & conversation together. If slackness comes over you in your own souls, that slackness will pervade your whole work. O it is a most needful thing to stir up the things that remain — else our graces will soon get into that melancholy state described in the next clause — "ready to die." If at any time you find it thus, *trim the lamp afresh*.

I could wish to see your Journals giving an account of some young persons, in whom the love of Christ appears to work. Do Mrs Pollitt & yourself find none of the Girls or boys steadily fond of the Bible, or of Hymns, or of prayers? Watch for such hopeful signs, & watch over them & cherish them.

Believe me, very truly Yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, Oct. 10th 1837.

Dear Brother Dixon,

I perceive from some of your later communications that you have felt a little discouraged by the falling off in numbers of those under your charge. If it should be in my power, I would gladly offer you a word or two of a cheering nature. With regard to some kinds of affliction endured in the early ages of the Gospel, the Apostle could say, "Knowing that ye were appointed thereunto." But the trial that a faithful Minister or Missionary experiences from the negligence or the unprofitableness of his hearers, is one of the most universal character: no age, no dispensation, no Ministry, no individual Minister, however highly favoured, has been exempted from this painful experience. If we were to judge of the popularity of Isaiah by the glowing strains of his prophecy, so well suited to attract & charm those to whom he was sent, we should form a very erroneous opinion of his success: he was sent to a people that purposely stopped their ears, & he complains of them, consequently – 'Who hath believed our report?" In such company we may quiet ourselves, even when we cannot comfort ourselves; & cease from murmurs, when we cannot break out in praises. But the main difficulty is, to keep our own hearts in tune – to be filled every day & hour with zeal & love for our work, and animated with a sense of the presence of our blessed Master. Look at Hebrews 12;3. See in what company you are, when He is nigh. Yea, look at all Isaiah 53., not overlooking the glorious close – "Therefore will I divide him a portion, &c." Let us cast in our lot with Christ, – identify ourselves & our work with him, — & all will in the end be bright & triumphant. It is, more of Christ that we want — in all that we do & suffer. Let me add, Never suffer discouragements to be the chief & absorbing topic of your thoughts & words: this, I am persuaded, you do not. For a tone of sadness repels those who might be won: still let your motto be the words of our Master — "Be of good cheer."

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Dixon,
I remain, Yrs. affectionately,
Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, Oct. 10th 1837.

Dear Brother Betts,

Your course has of late been very migratory, not only as it regards changes of Station, but inasmuch as your temporary duties as Secretary have occasioned you much travelling. I sincerely hope that while this has been for the good of the Mission, it has been also productive of benefit to your own soul... perhaps I ought to say, productive of no evil. For the tendency of change is often to unsettle the religious affections; & the tendency of secular business is to sink them. When, indeed, Providence clearly calls us — (as was your case) — to superintend a variety of worldly matters; & especially in direct relation to the interests of the Kingdom of Christ, we may expect as much of His presence as we could have in Church, or in the Closet: but the Spiritual mind will long to return to its Spiritual employments. One advantage I should think, both yourself & your Mission would have from your recent tours & correspondence: you must have gained a deeper sympathy with the duties, difficulties, wants, & temptations of the Missionary circle in Jamaica: you must better know what to say to them in the way of counsel & direction, warning & suggestion, kindness & encouragement. Experience thus treasured up, to be dispensed in benefits for others, is what may be expected from Senior Missionaries. Let all have a practical bearing: let all work for the glory of Christ, & the help of his servants, & the increase of His Church. We are not our own: every year we become less so — I mean, that circumstances make us less our own, though from the first hour we surrendered our souls to the Redeemer, we were His entirely & by choice. But He, by providential events, claims us & keeps us more & more for Himself.

I shall rejoice to hear from you some of those evidences, which we have formerly had, that the work of the Lord

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is prospering in your hands & may the same work grow & flourish abundantly in your own heart!

With kind remembrances to Mrs Betts,

I remain,
yours affectionately,
Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House, London,
October 11th 1837.

Dear Mr Corner,

You have begun now to taste the toils, & I trust also the sweets of Missionary work. Your particular employment is one in which I think you can delight; & the fruits of it will in due season appear, if you faint not. You would see, from the circumstances attending Mr Haensel's departure, that the Negroes have hearts capable of being wrought on. Indeed, their affections are almost too strong & too excitable: so that, to effect a solid work, will require time & patience, accompanied with a very judicious management of their tempers & habits. A better plan could not have been devised for this purpose, than that adopted by Mr Haensel, & followed up by you; I mean, the recording systematically your view of the character & proficiency of each scholar. For when we judge by our feelings alone, we are sometimes hasty at the moment, & forgetful afterwards and thus we acquire rather an impression about a person's character, than a real knowledge of it. Keep up those reports therefore, &

You may expect to make such work of it.

There is one thing which I should be glad to urge on you & your dear partner namely, the importance of keeping your own hearts steady & established in grace. We always send out our friends with some degree of fear & trembling: for though we endeavour to know them well beforehand, & would not send them forth without having a good persuasion of their rooted piety, yet the work tries them. Every man's work shall be tried: & not only his public work, but also the very secrets of the heart. Jesus sees whether we are labouring from love to Him – whether we live in close communion with Him, and aim at doing that which is well-pleasing in his sight. There is need to stir up the minds of our friends by way of remembrance on these vital subjects; because it is so easy to get into a formal way of doing even the most spiritual work; – the want also of that spiritual intercourse which is enjoyed in our own country with a variety of religious friends has a tendency to deaden the affections. There is no resource like the throne of grace: that is always open, when many outward privileges are closed. That therefore is the place for you two, to which you may unitedly repair, as heirs together of the grace of life.

Yours most truly, Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House,
London, Oct 11th 1837.

Dear Brother Winckler,

You are by this time, I rejoice to think, fully settled down to your work, &, I doubt not, very delighting in it, whatever difficulties or discouragements you may meet with in it. The heart of a Missionary should be prepared for these, as well as for successes: for his cup will be a mingled cup, & he will have to taste the bitter, as well as the sweet. Note down let me beg of you both kinds, as they occur, in your Journal. Let us know your whole state, that we may with a full understanding of your position rejoice when you rejoice, & weep when you weep; & pray for you in all circumstances. There are two things to be constantly borne in mind by a Missionary one, the greatness of his work the other, the greatness of that Master who sent him forth to do it. The work itself is, indeed the work of Christ: we pray sinners in Christ's stead, to be reconciled to God. I trust you will never estimate your office lower than that. You may have duties which will necessarily occupy you in secular matters; & where this is the case, perform these also as unto the Lord, & his blessing will consecrate them. In the commencement of Missions there is frequently something secular – as building, &c. – and indeed the superintendence of Christian Schools has something in it of a worldly nature, as well as much of a more spiritual kind. Never despise plain, common duties; do not think your office degraded when necessity calls you to work – remembering how even an Apostle wrought night & day with his hands. But still let your whole heart & soul be bent on the main busineſs. Pray – study your Bible – regulate your conversation & your preaching to the simple object of saving souls. One soul gained is an infinite reward. And think, too, who is with you in your bleſsed work. – "Go ye into all the world" says our Saviour, & then adds, Lo, I am with you – always." All power is given unto him in heaven & earth. If he be for you, who can be against you? Keep Him then in view: work for Him: yea, He condescends to acknowledge us as working with Him: for it is His cause from first to last.

Let us hear constantly from you, dear brother; thanks for the letters already received.

I remain Affectionately Yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Miſsionary House,
London, October 13th 1837.

Dear Brother Leſsing,

Your last communication I was happy to see, as it was long & full; and although you do not as yet find the fruits of your labours to be abundant, still you know not how the seed may be growing underground, ready to spring up in God's

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appointed time. When it does so send forth, first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear, how will every faithful Minister's heart be gladdened: then both he that soweth, & he that reapeth, rejoice together. I was much struck to observe one of the expressions which you say the Negros use when they are in trouble; that then they are reluctant to go to a place of worship, & say, "they heart no stand right to go to house of God." Perhaps there is no clearer evidence of a carnal heart, than unwillingness to go to God in the time of our affliction. In prosperity the carnality of the heart shews itself by our being absorbed in worldly business & enjoyments; but not to listen to God when by his chastening rod he reminds us of his nearness, is a great mark of stupidity. I suppose it also to arise from their dim views of the love of God through Christ. This may suggest to you a hint — (though doubtless it has often occurred to you) that Love is the grand constraining principle to incline men to come to a gracious Father in the day of their calamity. There is a kind of dulness & heaviness produced on the mind by sorrow: this is best dispelled by exhibiting the mercy of our God & Saviour, representing to the sullen soul that there is love even in His rebukes, & that His house is the very place to which we should bring our sad hearts, that they may be enlivened. "Come unto me, all ye that labour & are heavy laden, & I will give you rest" is just the text on which I should be disposed to address them.

Excuse my thus giving you a text – I think you will not repent taking it. With kind regards to Mrs Sessing, I remain,

Yrs affectionately
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 13th 1857.

Dear Mr Seddon,

Your later accounts of the ignorance of the people around you, & their proneness to follow teachers as ignorant as themselves, exhibit a mournful picture of the state of that long-afflicted population. As I read it, I often found emotions of pity rising in my heart, on reflecting on all this exhibition as being the natural consequence of long continued degradation. They have formed even their religious notions under the yoke: Satan has had power to set their hearts wrong, & bewilder, enslave, deceive & degrade them. We may say of the past, The times of this ignorance God winked at. He has had great forbearance with our sins; & now we should exercise great forbearance with their absurdities. Still – God now commandeth all men every where to repent. You do well to bring them to the touchstone of the word of God. That is the true light, which is to enlighten Jamaica, & all the world. To the law & to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. The margin reads, No *morning* in them. When ignorant teachers attempt to enlighten a benighted race, there is no *day-break* in their doctrine: they only make things darker than they were before.

Preaching & teaching, (in public worship & in schools,) the pure word of God, is the grand instrument appointed by him for blessing a people. I trust you often bless God that you have been thus far called to have a share in that work; & in proportion as Providence shall lead you further into it, I trust you will have more & more cause for rejoicing. Only, be patient, fervent, laborious, dependent on grace from above. Be watchful, too, over your own spirit, & seek in all things to cherish & to manifest more & more of the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Let us watch & pray that we enter not into temptation.

With kind regards to Mrs Seddon,
I remain, Yrs very truly,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
October 16. 1837

Rev. W.K. Betts.

Dear Sir,

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of July 9/37. of which a duplicate is enclosed, and we have since received the following communications from the Mission:—

Your Letters of Mar. 24th; May 23d, July 15th, 6th, 20/37.
Minutes of Corr: Com. July 5 & 6/37
Your Letter to Bp. Jamaica, May 22/37
Bishop of Jamaica to you, May 23/37
Mr Forbes proposal relative to Salt Savannah
Mr. McKinnon to Mr. Gordon. Mar. 15/37
Your Report of Visit to the New Station
Report of Building Sub Comtee.
Form of Conveyance of Landed Property
J King Esq. Letters May 27/37, June 24/37
J Miller Esq. Letter July 6/37, with Resoln. of Corr. Com. July 16/37.
Messrs. Whiteborne & Co July 29/37
Diagrams of Landed Property at Bonavista & Appleton
Reports of the several Stations: June/37.
Rev J. Stainsby's Letter. May 16/37.
Rev. W Dixon to Corr Com April 20/37
Mr. D. Seddon's Letter, July 18/37.
Rev. W.L. Dixon's Letter June 27/37, June 30/37
Mr. J. Motts Letter. April 27/37.
Mr. E. Newman's Letter, July 31/37.
Mr. E. Corner's Letter, June 30/37.
Mr. J Pottell's Letter to you, June 26/37.
First Quarterly Report of Ladies Ch. Miss. Refuge School, Apr./37.

2. We enclose a series of Resolutions adopted by the Committee of Correspondence in reference to Jamaica on the 26th ult., and confirmed by the General Committee on the 9th Inst.

3. The first Resolution respects the location of Missionaries & Catechists. You will perceive by the concluding part of the Resolution that the Comtee. deem it essential that they should be able to fix & change the Stations of Missionaries & Catechists as circumstances may require. Without the power of doing this they could neither discharge their duty to the Society nor to the Government in respect to the expenditure of the pecuniary grants made to them for Negro Education.

On referring however, to the propositions of the Bishop of Jamaica, Jan. 16/37 the Committee are of opinion that by the second, sufficient provision is made for this object. By that proposition it is stated "that in future a communication in writing be made to the Bishop by the Corr. Comm.ee on all occasions affecting the licensing, appointing to Stations, or proposals to remove the Clergy whose stipends are paid by the Church Missionary Society." This proposition proceeds on the assumption that the stationing of Ordained Missionaries is with the Committee; but that this proceeding should be regulated in communication with the Bishop. It is thus placed on a footing entirely satisfactory to the Committee, who are most desirous that their arrangements in this respect should be made under the cognizance & with the concurrence of the Bishop. The Committee therefore conceive that the course of the Corr. Comm.ee in this matter is quite clear. Whenever an Ordained Missionary is to be stationed, or his Station changed, the Corr. Comm.ee will inform the Bishop of the circumstance, and of the reasons which have led to the arrangement. If the Bishop sees any objection to it he will of course state that objection to the Corr. Comm.ee, who will, the Parent Committee are confident, treat it with all the deference and consideration due to the quarter from which it emanates; and will either acquiesce in the reasons which may have been assigned by the Bishop in support of it, or submit to his consideration such as appear to them of preponderating weight for the course which they had contemplated. We trust that in this way matters will from time to time be easily adjusted with the Bishop on a point on which it is reasonable that his judgment should be ascertained. If, however, the views of the two parties cannot be brought to coincide by such communication it will be for the Corr. Comm.ee to refer the matter to the Committee at home, and in the mean time to yield to the Bishop's decision. Though the Dioceses of Calcutta & Jamaica are in some respects differently circumstanced, particularly in the parochial division of that of Jamaica, the question as to the Committee's location of Ordained Missionaries is substantially the same in both. It may therefore be convenient to you to be aware of the footing on which this question is placed by the present Bishop of Calcutta. It is thus stated by him in a Letter to the Committee:—

"Nothing is in the least likely (and probability is the guide of life) to arise to impede or cramp the Committee since they unquestionably and avowedly possess

The choice of men,

The appointment of spheres of labor,

The temporal power, including pecuniary support."

The Bishop in his turn holds a control over the location of the Ordained Missionary by the right which he unquestionably possesses to give or withhold a License in each case of the proposed location or re-location of such Missionary. With a good understanding between the Bishop and the Committee and Corr.^s Com^ee all will work well; but in the absence of it the case might undoubtedly be much otherwise.

4. With regard to Moore Town, whenever the Corr Com^ee are in a situation to assign an Ordained Missionary to that Station, which we think a desirable step, when it may be practicable to take it they will do so under the terms of the arrangement with the Bishop of last January, and deal with the case as they would with any other in the mode suggested in the preceding paragraph.

5. You will perceive from the second Resolution that the Committee are prepared gladly to receive the Rev. M. S. Yates into connexion with the Society provided it be done with the approbation of the Bishop. In that event Mr Yates will of course stand in the same relation to the Committee & the Corr. Com^ee with regard to Station and proceedings as Missionaries sent from this country. It is always highly advantageous thus to engage the services of suitable individuals on the spot where an opportunity for doing so is presented. This therefore the Corr. Com^ee will have the kindness constantly to keep in view. Hence the Committee were glad to learn that the services of Mr Reynolds had been engaged as a Catechist.

6. The third Resolution sanctions the presentation of Messrs Sessing, Seddon, & Holt as Candidates for Holy Orders at such periods respectively as the Corr. Com^ee may think fit. The Committee have introduced the word respectively into the Resolution in order that the Corr. Com^ee may clearly understand that they are fully to exercise their own discretion as to the period at which they should present these friends

o the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders. It is not however the wish f the Committee that any unnecessary delay should take place with egard to either of them.

7. As no Ordination of one of the Society's Candidates, as uch, has hitherto taken place in Jamaica, the Title to be given by e Corr. Com.e is a point for their consideration. We enclose a copy f that given to the Bishop of Calcutta by our Corr. Com.ee in that Diocese. It as framed we believe, at the period when Bishop Heber was in the e. We have already adverted to circumstantial differences between e two Dioceses, and these may possibly require some modification the Calcutta form of Title. They will, however, both be in principle e same; i.e. the Committee fixes the salary of the Missionary and enters o no engagement as to salary beyond the period of the Individual's nnexion with the Society, which connexion the Committee retains the controlled power to dissolve whenever they may see cause to do so.

8. Though the Committee have by the fourth Resolution acquiesced in the arrangements made by the Corr. Com.ee with Mr. Forbes, for the erection of buildings at Salt Savannah, they have done so with reluctance, and only because the matter had proceeded so far that a different course could not have been taken by them without serious inconvenience. Their disinclination arose from a very strong indisposition to engage in the erection of buildings beyond what the necessity of the case ~~requires~~ may absolutely require. This consideration induced them to urge the Corr. Com. to the practice of the utmost economy in carrying the measure into effect.

9. The general consideration just adverted to has led the Com.ee to adopt a Resolution, the fifth, strongly urging the Corr. Com.ee not to engage in the erection of any other building beyond that of the School houses already sanctioned, till after the expiration of the Apprenticeship period. They hope that the Corr. Com.ee may find it practicable to adhere to the letter of the Resolution. Should, however a case of paramount necessity arise for the erection of any building, other than the School houses just referred to, it is their wish that the question should, if possible, be referred to their decision before any steps are definitively taken by the Corr. Com.ee

10. The sixth Resolution requires no particular remark

11. You will have the kindness to apprise Mr. Newman of the purport of the seventh Resolution; as we shall not be able to write to him by this Packet. You will also inform him that the Committee having satisfied themselves of Miss West's eligibility to become connected with the Society through her marriage with him, they communicated with Mrs. West, who has consented to her daughter's coming out this season as proposed in the Resolution.

12. You are probably aware of the Resolution adopted by the Corr. Comm^tee at Malvern Hill in July last, respecting your permanently holding the Secretaryship. It is in reference to that that the ninth of the Resolutions now transmitted was adopted. The only remark which seems requisite on the Resolution is to reiterate the assurance of the satisfaction which we have derived from your discharge of the duties of the office. The Comm^ee, however, do not contemplate any change in the arrangement made with Rev. R. Panton before he left the Island, and have received no intimation from him of any desire on his part to do so. The Committee moreover feel a strong repugnance to withdraw you from your more appropriate duties in connexion with the Normal School and the ministry, which your holding the Secretaryship permanently would unavoidably involve. At the same time they would not lose sight of your agency in this sphere should a pressing necessity for having recourse to it at any future period arise.

13. The Committee much regret that occasion was given for the reference to them as to the course to be taken by the Corr. Comm^ee in the event of a catechist's becoming involved in debt. They have in consequence adopted the 10th Resolution. It is not the view of the Comm^ee that this Resolution should be transmitted to the catechists generally; but to such among them as the Corr. Comm^ee may have reason to believe are habitually incurring expense beyond their income, and who are likely by doing so not only to involve themselves in discreditable difficulties; but also by such conduct to compromise the Society also.

14. Your suggestion with regard to the Jamaica Clergy law has drawn the attention of the Committee and is still under their consideration. We hope to acquaint you with the result by the next

Packet. The Law does not to appear to expire till Dec. 1838.

15. Mess. Whitehouse & Co.' communications relative to the proposed grant, of land at Appleton & Bonavista have been placed in the hands of our Solicitor, but we are not prepared at present to apprise you of the result.

16. The copy of Trust Deed transmitted under cover of your Letter of July 20/37 has been, referred to some of our legal friends, who have recommended to the Committee certain alterations in it with a view to adapt it to that which is used in other Missions; but we have not yet obtained the decision of the Committee upon it. We hope however to forward the revised form when we next write.

17. By a shipment about to be made some copies of Hough's Vade Mecum will be sent out agreeably to your request.

18. The Parent Committee cordially concur with the Cor. Com.ee in acknowledgments to you for the valuable information & suggestions which resulted from your journey to the Society's Stations in the Island.

19. It has been stated to us that Mr. Seddon was subjected to serious inconvenience & privation on his removal to Green Pond, from the want of the common articles of furniture. As it would be very painful to the Com.ee that any individual connected with the Society should be exposed to unnecessary discomfort while prosecuting his labours we shall feel obliged by your ascertaining what the facts of the case were, & communicating them to us.

20. On some other points we must postpone writing for the present. We will only now add, that a large Missionary party are about to take their departure for Jamaica. It will, D.V., consist of the following individuals. Rev. W. J. Woodcock & Mrs. Woodcock, Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins, Messrs. Cook & Kelly, & Miss West. Their passages are taken in the "Duke of Kent", Capt. Morris, which we have every reason to believe will sail for her destination in the last week of this month. We mention the circumstance now that arrangements may be made for their reception on their arrival in Kingston; for fixing their Stations, which will be referred to the Corr. Com.ee; & for their proceeding to their

respective destinations with as little delay as may be.

With kind regards to Mrs Betts,

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. CMS

Church Missionary House,

Oct. 16. 1837.

Rev. L. Strong

My dear Sir,

1. Our last letter to Demerara was addressed to Mr Pollard, July 20/37, of which a duplicate is enclosed. We have since received the following communications from the Mission:-

Min. of Br. Guiana Corr. Com., Oct. 18/36, Jan. 19/37, Apl. 10/37.

Mr Pollard's letter to Rev. J.H. Bernau, Jan. 19/37.

to Rev. T. Youd

Rev. J.H. Bernau's letter July 22/37

Acct. Currt., June /36 to Jan /37.

Rev. T. Youd's letter, Mar. 30/37, & Journal Nov. /36 to Mar. /37.

Mr Carter's letter Jan. 3/37 & Journal, Mar. to June /37.

2. Below are copied the Resolutions of the Comee of Correspondence of the 3d inst. which were confirmed by the General Committee on the 9th. As you were present when they were adopted, it is unnecessary to write to you at large upon them. One remark or two, however, may not be superfluous.

3. The Comee are most solicitous that the Schoolhouses should be completed, & an efficient Teacher placed in each as speedily as possible. They therefore earnestly entreat your earliest attention to this subject on your return to Demerara. You will of course, in the selection of sites for the Schoolhouses, especially bear in mind salubrity of situation with a view to the health of the European teacher & the facility of collecting a sufficient number of scholars to fill the school.

4. You are aware of the hesitation of the Comee with regard to the salary for Mr Ardley, mentioned in the

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second Resolution, & that they sanctioned it only from the estimate which they formed of the value of Mr. A's. services from your report of him, & in the hope that the Proprietors of Estates in the neighbourhood whose people may be benefitted by the School, would in consequence contribute toward the support of Mr. A. These contributions however should be solicited by the Corr. Committee, & carried to the general account of the Miſsion, so that Mr. A. may be kept in all respects entirely independent of the Planters, & be directed in all his proceedings exclusively by the Parent & Corr. Committees.

5. You will understand by "contingent claims," in the 2d & 3d Resolutions, that with regard to Mr. Aveling & Mr. Hall, the Committee decline altogether that responsibility as to themselves, if disabled, & to their widows & children, should they die & leave either, with which the Committee charge themselves with regard to Individuals sent out by them from this country. It may be right to add that the Comee decline this responsibility with regard to these contingent claims in respect to all persons received into connexion with the Society in the countries wherein its Miſsions are carried on, & that it will be requisite that the Corr. Comee should regulate their conduct by this rule in engaging the services of any other Individual on behalf of the Society in British Guiana.

6. The views of the Committee were so fully explained with regard to Mr. Hall when you were with them, that it is unneceſsary to say more than that we earnestly hope and pray that your expectations concerning him may be fully realized.

With our earnest prayers that you & your family may be conducted back to Demerara in safety & peace, & that your labours may be increasingly prospered by the divine bleſsing on your future course,

I remain,

My dear Sir

Truly & affte Yours,

D. Coates

2 Oct. 21/37. Mr J. H. Williams

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Church Missionary House, London,
October 21st. 1837.

Dear Mr Williams,

You will see that we are aiming here to supply in some degree the wants of Trinidad, & to fill up the place of that brother who was so very soon removed from the midst of you. It was a grievous & a mysterious dispensation — a loss to the Mission, though no doubt an unspeakable gain to the departed. Most earnestly do I hope that it may have been already greatly sanctified to yourself & the other surviving Labourers. Was it not calculated to shew us the utter vanity of all the things below, concerning which we are apt to disquiet ourselves! Did it not afresh convince you of the value of souls, & the preciousness of Jesus, the Saviour? Has it not helped you forward to the exercise of greater deadness to the world, more denial of self, & stronger devotedness to the Lord & his work? I pray that both you & your wife may have thus profited: then some gain will come even from our loss. I would also ask your prayers, that I, & all I have to do with, may from every circumstance attending our path be made more humble, more holy, more loving both towards God, & towards man. May the love of Christ constrain us!

I might add, that the two now sent out,

Mr J Gillies, Oct 23/37

Messrs Redford & King, will be looking to those who have been on the ground before them, & especially yourself, for some advice, & specially for example. May you all be unitedly blest in this delightful work!

I remain, very truly Yours, Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,

October 23rd 1837.

Dear Mr Gillies,

Now that you have got to your sphere of labour, I am desirous to enter on correspondence with you, both as it may prove a means of comfort to you, & also help to draw out from you some particular account of your circumstances & feelings. Be assured of my not forgetting you: we pray for our brethren abroad, not generally only - but by name; & I have a very distinct remembrance of you, & interest in your feelings. How does work now agree with you - and Climate? Are you able to make a good impression on the young under your charge? Can you find your way to their tender, ignorant hearts, & to their confused understandings? Can you rule them by love the only true way? Remember the first point in St Paul's description of love Charity suffereth long- Can you be patient with them? It is a difficult task for a grown-up man to be patient with foolish & perverse Children. But let us remember the wonderful forbearance of our heavenly Father with us, & then we shall be shamed out of our impatience & impetuosity.

I hope your daily walk with God is the

rule & measure of all. "How our own souls prosper" is the grand question, which must never be lost sight of for a moment, while engaged in public services. We need regular retirement: it is the soul of regular public duty. We need pardon, grace, comfort: aye, & we need correction, reproof & much instruction in righteousness. Let us seek these blessings from the hands of our great Master & Teacher! not now & then, but continually!

I remain, Very truly Yours,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 21st 1837.

Dear Brother Mühlhauser,

You will probably receive this letter at the same time that our two additional Labourers, Messrs Redford & King, come out to you. We grieved at the early removal of so hopeful a man as Mr Macarthur: but it was the will of the Lord; & His will is always the best. May we ever learn to acknowledge this with faith & resignation, even when the heaviest blows come upon us from His hand! I have been watching very carefully the course of the Mission in Trinidad. What I feel led to speak of most particularly, is, the great need you all have to hold fast the ~~g~~ pure & simple Doctrines of Grace. I am rather glad when it happens to me, to write a letter to a Missionary Brother on a Saturday: because the train of thought gained in the preparations for the duties of the Lord's Day, helps me to some appropriate subject.

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser. Oct. 21/37

So it is to-day: I have been meditating much on the dimness with which many professing Christians, & some even sincere believers, view the great truths of the Gospel. Especially, Justification by faith only: its completeness, its sufficiency, its sanctifying tendency. And if we in a Protestant land are many of us thus benighted, what must it be with you? I remember a remark made in our Missionary Circle at Jerusalem, that not one of the Priests seemed to understand what was meant by Justification. Now let me suggest to you, to aim at mastering this subject — the Epistle to the Romans before you — prayer, meditation & self-application filling your heart. Then, with boldness yet discretion, preach on it, & converse about it. I say, discretion — because we must never forget the extreme natural darkness & enmity of the heart: greatest of all in those, who say "We see."

And let me add also a memento on the need of walking spiritually. To be spiritually-minded is life & peace. Life to your own soul, to your family & household, & to your flock! Let my few & simple words sink into your heart, my dear brother. With kind remembrances to Mrs. Mühlhauser,

I remain,
Affectionately Yours,
Wm. Jowett.

23/37. Rev. A. Eckel

Church Missionary House, London,
October 23rd 1837.

Dear Brother Eckel,

Your last letter to me was damaged by sea-water, as well as some other papers, so as to be illegible: so that I do not know what you said in it. I take, however, for granted that it was to thank me for some one of my former letters to you, & that a line from me is always acceptable. A line from you, too, is acceptable to me: it is good to exchange thoughts: they that fear the Lord should speak often one to another. I earnestly hope that you & Br. Mühlhauser will devise plans by which you & the Catechists may from time to time (even if it should inevitably be seldom) – meet, in spiritual intercourse. Business will occasionally bring you more or less together: but O remember what is the main concern, which you, as Ministers, should specially look after, on behalf of your fellow-labourers. Let prayer – social prayer – be a business. The more it is used, the more will it be a delight. And it will greatly help to sanctify & bind together all the members of a Mission, & cause the Church also to be edified & multiplied.

As to your dealings with the many Roman Catholics, by whom you are surrounded, I should again & again repeat to you, as I have done to Br. Mühlhauser, "Preach Christ." They know nothing (almost) of Christ, but the name. Have compassion on them & be very patient with them. But set before them a

W. S. Holt. Oct. 31/37

full & free Justification, through Christ, & by faith only. Hold up to their view the Spirituality of Religion, & the work of the Spirit. Self-Righteousness & Idolatrous Ceremonies cannot stand the Light of Truth. Therefore lift up the blazing torch of the pure Gospel. Have faith in God, as working by it. Be not discouraged by the day of small things. A few well-wrought Believers are a host. The Head of the Church commonly tries his servants by delaying the full accomplishment of his glorious promises. But, though the vision tarry, wait for it. (See Habakkuk 2;3. & Hebrews 10;35-39.) And remember that one soul saved is an infinite reward of your labours!

I remain, Affectionately Yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 31st 1837.

Dear Mr Holt,

Your account of the progress of the children under your charge is very interesting, though short: we wish it were longer. It agrees with what we find to be the case in every part of that Mission: wherever advantages are offered to the young Negroes, & pains taken with them, they thankfully embrace the opportunity as far as they have the power, & improve, even rapidly. Solid improvement, however, will come only by perseverance: this you no doubt find to be the case by experience: and should your life be spared

for years to come, as I heartily pray it may, your further trials will make the truth plainer & plainer. The Negro mind is ardent: this ardour may be turned to good account for their advantage, both at the beginning & afterwards. But patience in the work, year after year, will by God's blessing make them solid characters — yea, solid Christians. What a blessed end to aim at! What a blessed hope, to cheer every Missionary Labourer! But truly we may say to each one & all of you, "Ye have need of patience." By which I do not mean that you, in particular, are deficient in this grace; but we all need it; & we need more of it, & sometimes we need it exceedingly. I trust Mrs Holt is enabled to keep up her care of those females, whom you say she attends to, for two hours on a Friday Evening. Here again I should say, Perseverance. Indeed, if further facilities should be offered, I should add another word, Extension. It will be a most blessed result, if at some future period others, speaking to the male & female children now under your charge, should be enabled to apply to them the words of the Apostle, & say to one & another,
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"Holy Scriptures, which are able to make
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I remain, Yours very sincerely

Mr C. Newman. Oct 31/37

Church Missionary House, London,
October 31st 1837.

Dear Mr Newman,

As you will find by the present opportunity that your wishes have been met, I feel that very few words from me are needed. Yet I cannot let your intended partner for life quit this country, without expressing my earnest hope & prayer that your union, being "in the Lord", ~~will~~ may be a blessing to you both; & thus, a blessing also to the Mission. Allow me to caution you both against the danger of having your affections & thoughts in some measure drawn from God. It will *not* be the case with you, if you both of you watch & pray against this particular snare; but some have felt a declension of their spirituality at such a time, from what the Apostle calls "caring for the things of the world," that one may please the other. Your mutual happiness, & your usefulness, will be more than doubled, if you help one another in your aim to please the Lord. May He keep you both, & abundantly bless you!

I will only add that we wish your journals to be more full. Even when you have not, what you think to be, interesting matter, still give us fully such statements, as you have it in for years to come, as I heartily pray it may, your further trials will make the truth plainer & plainer. The Negro mind is ardent: this ardour may be turned to good account for their advantage, both at the beginning & afterwards. But patience in the work, year after year, will by God's blessing make them solid characters – yea, solid Christians. What a blessed end to aim at! what a blessed hope, to cheer every Missionary Labourer! But truly we may say to each one & all of you, "Ye have need of patience." By which I do not mean that you, in particular, are deficient in this grace; but we all need it; & we need more of it, & sometimes we need it exceedingly. I trust Mrs Holt is enabled to keep up her care of those females, whom you say she attends to, for two hours on a Friday Evening. Here again I should say, Perseverance. Indeed, if further facilities should be offered, I should add another word, Extension. It will be a most blessed result, if at some future period others, speaking to the male & female children now under your charge, should be enabled to apply to them the words of the Apostle, & say to one & another, "From a child thou hast known the "Holy Scriptures, which are able to make "thee wise unto salvation, by faith in "Christ Jesus." May multitudes around you be thus made truly wise!

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I remain, Yours very truly,

Wm Jowett.

Rev. W. J. Woodcock, & Messrs Hawkins, Cork, & Whitby.

Church Missionary House,
October 30. 1837.

Dear Brethren,

1. We enclose the Instructions of the Committee delivered to you on the 27th inst. We wish each Catechist to copy the Instructions for his own use on the voyage, as the original will remain with Mr Woodcock, as the senior.

2. We also enclose a letter to the Bishop of Jamaica, making Mr Woodcock's appointment to the Jamaica Mission known to his Lordship. This letter Mr Woodcock is requested to hand to the Rev. W. S. Coles, Pro. tem. Sec. of the Corr. Comttee, to be by him transmitted to the Bishop, as the Parent Comm^ee have charged the Corr. Comm^ee with the duty of communicating with the Bishop on all matters relating to the Society's proceedings in the Diocese. This course, therefore, you will all strictly adhere to, in all your future proceedings in the Mission.

3. £25 will be given you to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on any unforeseen occasion for money previously to your arrival in Jamaica. For this, or the balance of it, if any be expended, you will have the kindness to account to the Corr. Committee.

4. The Committee will be glad to find that you are able to make yourselves useful on Ship board to your fellow passengers & the Crew. You will, however, bear in mind that you can do nothing in the Ship without the sanction of the Captain. By a judicious,

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Oct. 17/37

kind, & conciliatory course, there is little doubt but this would be obtained; but any indication of a disposition to act independently of him would be likely to close the door against you.

5. Write home before you leave the channel, if an opportunity should offer, to acknowledge your Instructions, & inform us of your circumstances. At all events by the first Packet after your arrival in Jamaica.

6. You are directed in your Instructions to transmit all your official communications through the Corr. Comt.; & to this course it is requisite that you should strictly adhere; but you will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject of a private or confidential nature.

7. We also enclose a letter to the Rev. W. K. Betts, Sec. of the Corr. Comt., & one to J. King, Esq., Treasurer of that body; which you will have the kindness to deliver on your landing.

With our prayers for your future welfare & usefulness,

I remain,
Dear Brethren,
Truly & Affy. Yours,
D. Coates, Secy

The Instructions of the Committee to the Revd. William John Woodcock and Mrs. Woodcock, Mr. William Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. Joseph [illegible], Mr. Henry Robert Kilby, and Miss West on occasion of their departure to Jamaica were delivered October 17. 1837.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord

The Committee meet, together with you and other friends of the Society, preparatory to your departure to those labours, in which it will be your distinguished privilege to be henceforth engaged, in Foreign lands. May the Spirit of Him, who breathed on his disciples, saying "Peace be unto you!" — be now with us! A new and deeper sense of his pardoning love, giving us remiſsion of sins that are past, is the foundation of that peace: and together with it, we also need a lively feeling of His gracious presence in the midst of us, shedding abroad love, joy, patience, gentleneſs & meekneſs in all our hearts. If these things be in us, and abound, we shall find it good thus to meet, and thus to part: and we shall often be refreshed in future years by the remembrance that an answer was vouchsafed to this our short and simple prayer — "The Lord be with us!"

Your appointment to labour in Jamaica, by which the strength of our Miſsionary body there will be considerably reinforced, is rendered the more interesting and important by the circumstance that the term of the complete emancipation of the Negroes is now so nearly approaching. Each year now calls for the most faithful, prudent and zealous efforts in making known to them that holy Gospel, under the influence of which alone their freedom can be a bleſsing to themselves and others.

In reference to your future ministerial labours Mr. Woodcock, the Committee have nothing material to add to the instructions which you received on going to South India. Your experience in that Miſsion, much as it was interrupted by various causes, cannot fail to have shown you what patience and gentleneſs, what firmneſs and stedfastneſs, what activity and discretion are needed in ministerial intercourse with those who have so long lived in heathenish depreſsion and ignorance. They need all the sympathies of the tenderest heart, and the unwearied labours of a mind thoroughly versed in Divine things. The motto engraven on your inmost soul should be "Speaking the truth in love".

To you Meſs.rs Hawkins, Cook, and Wilby, who are proceeding as Catechists to Jamaica, the Committee addreſs the same directions as those to your Brethren departing for West Africa.

To you, who are going forth as Catechists, the Committee would recommend the perusal of the reports of those labourers who have gone before you in that department. Those accounts are, more or leſs minutely, given in the pages of the Church Miſsionary Record. You will also have before you the living example of those who are now thus labouring in the Colony of Sierra Leone. The teaching and training of children will immediately be committed to your hands; and all that you know concerning our system of Mutual instruction, Infant Schools, and general discipline, will be put into requisition. In this work also you will find all your past studies of Scripture truth and Scripture history to be available. This knowledge, above all others, it must be your daily busineſs to augment in order to your becoming more and more instructed in the things that pertain to the Kingdom of God. As you advance in acquaintance with the Native Character, you will find some of those, among whom you perform religious services, inquiring from you more particularly the way of salvation. These, so far as it respects ministerial offices, you will refer generally to the Miſsionaries: yet in the mean time it should be your aim to enter into the feelings of these religious enquirers and learn from your more experienced brethren the best methods of dealing with Christian converts. The Committee would not that these younger labourers should hastily engage in this department, which requires so much experience of the heart and knowledge of the world; but if, with prayer for the divine blessing, and a humble self-distrust, you gradually enter upon this work, you will in time render service to the seniors in the Miſsion in bringing forward hopeful natives for further instructions: and your own souls will be greatly benefitted, by this continual attention to experimental and serious piety, as maintained among the pious Natives in their intercourse with the large Miſsionary family at Sierra Leone.

It is important to impreſs on all of you, regularity and frequency in your communications with the Corresponding Committee, by whom your particular stations will be fixed, and through them with the Committee at home. In this respect some parts of the West Indies Miſsion have attained to leſs perfectneſs than others of the Society's Miſsions. Certain circumstances, moreover, wholly beyond the control of, either the local or Parent Committee, have occasioned, and yet may occasion, inconvenient delays or changes, in the aſsignment of Miſsionary Stations. The Committee trust that with these considerations before you, you will patiently bear with whatever may be inevitable: in all things cordially co-operating with the wishes of the Corresponding Committee, and perseveringly preſsing forward to the high Mark of your Miſsionary Calling.

Before parting with you, dear Brethren and Sisters, the Committee desire once more to impreſs on your minds, what has often been represented to you, the greatneſs of the work which is now, in the good Providence of God, committed to your charge. You go forth, according to your several degrees and gifts for the sole object of becoming instrumental to the salvation of perishing men. Others visit foreign lands, for the purposes of gaining wealth, or earning earthly glory, or enriching the stores of literature and science. *You* devote yourselves to a far higher end. What they do is for the obtaining of a corruptible crown: what you do and what you suffer, will be, in order that you and many others may obtain, from the free, unmerited gift of God our Saviour, a crown that is incorruptible. The Committee earnestly desire that this view should ever be present to your minds; because there are so many humbling circumstances attendant on the Miſsionary warfare, and you will paſs onward through such a crowd of human beings who mind only earthly things, that constant watchfulneſs on your parts will be required, and much prayer, in order that you may not be borne down by the maſs of ungodlineſs, indifference or enmity preſsing you on every side. You will need to endure, as seeing Him who is invisible. You will need that conquering faith, which shall fill you with a feeling of the glory of the croſs and of Him who hung thereon. You will need constant communion with the Saviour of your own souls that you may feel an abiding — yea, an ever-increasing, love for souls of the Heathen. The Committee doubt not but that you have already partaken, in some good measure, of this spirit of love for souls; and that you would account it the greatest of all honours to be made instrumental in bringing one, *even only one*, to the saving knowledge of Christ. How much more deeply and tenderly will you feel this, if at any future period you should see good reason for believing that one, even *only one*; soul has been given to you for your hire and your reward. But oh, how vast, how unbounded will be your amazement, and your adoring gratitude to the Redeemer, should you meet in the courts above, not one, but many, who have been brought to glory by Christ, in consequence of some word you have uttered, some Gospel-meſsage that you have delivered, some letter that you may have written, or, in answer to the fervent and believing prayers that you have offered up. Realize those bleſsed moments to be spent in heaven — moments that will never end, — moments of the purest, holiest triumphs; when, if found faithful unto death, you shall enjoy this communion of the saints, together with the knowledge that you have been permitted, all unworthy as you were, to add to their number; through means of your

Miſsionary labours. Now, your steps are humble — oh, let them ever be so, while on your pilgrimage! — but then, they shall be glorious. Now, you hunger and thirst; then you shall be filled. Now, you weep, and the world laughs; but then, your sorrow shall be turned into joy: and your joy none shall take from you. Now, you ask; then, you shall receive the complete fruition of your largest hopes. Now, you, and we, and all the lively members of Christ, are like so many poor mendicants, knocking at the gate of heaven, praying that it may be opened to a great multitude, redeemed out of the midst of this present evil world. Then, the gate will have been opened; the company will have been aſsembled; all that work iniquity shall have been cast out; and then, Hallelujah will begin that shall never, never end. Having therefore such promises of entering into this glorious rest, let us fear lest any of us should seem to come short of it: and do you especially, who are called to this bleſsed work, strive to enter in not alone. Whenever you are called to see a dying Miſsionary Brother or Sister, or any other departing saint stepping, as it were, a little before you into the heavenly kingdom, let that closing scene endear the Saviour yet more to your own souls, and quicken you in winning others to Christ. Let all things work to this end: give yourselves wholly to this your high vocation, that you may both save yourselves, and them that hear you.

By order of the Committee

} Secretaries.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 30th 1837.

Bp. Jamaica

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to introduce to your Lordship the Bearer of this, the Rev. William John Woodcock, who has been engaged by the Committee as one of their Missionaries, to labour under your Lordship's License, in the Island of Jamaica.

As Mr Woodcock was for a season labouring as one of the Society's Missionaries in the East Indies, &, when he left, was expecting to return thither, he is not furnished with the requisite Testimonials; but these shall be forwarded to your Lordship as soon as they are received by the Committee.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. faithful Servt.
William Jowett,

98 Oct. 30/37. Mr. J. King

Church Missionary House,
Oct. 30. 1837.

J. King, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I beg to introduce to you the Rev. W. J. Woodcock & Mrs Woodcock, Mr Wm Hawkins & Mrs Hawkins, Misses Cork & Withy, & Miss West, who come out to strengthen the Jamaica Mission. Have the kindness to give them the necessary directions with regard to their proceedings. Mr Woodcock has in charge a letter to the Rev. W. A. Betts, explanatory of the views of the Comee respecting himself & his brethren.

2. We enclose the Rev. Griffiths' Bill of Exchange on Samuel T. Ergill, Esq., for £100, which you will have the kindness to place to the credit of the Society's Account.

3. The following Bills have been presented from Jamaica since those particularized in our letter to you of May 30/37. Par. 2. of which a duplicate is enclosed:

1837. April 3	Mr. J King	£300		1837 May 27	Mr J King	£30.
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May 10	.	100.		June 24	.	300.
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. 27	.	300.		. 26	.	40.

Aug 5/37. Mr. J King £10.

4. Allow me to remind you of our request that you will distinguish the expenditure on account of the School houses, the erection of which is aided by Government, & the Salaries of the Masters of those Schools, from the other expenditure of the Mission. We shall feel obliged by your forwarding us, with as little delay as your convenience will permit, a particular statement of all monies hitherto expended under either of the abovementioned heads. It would facilitate our being

acquainted here with the state of this account. If you could so arrange as to draw separately upon it, inserting in the body of the Bill "on account of Government Schoolhouses & Masters' salaries".

I remain,
Dear Sir
Very truly Yrs.
D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
October 30. 1837.

Dear Brother Betts,

1. We wrote to you on the 16th inst. by Packet, of which letter a duplicate is enclosed. No communication from you had reached us since that letter was despatched.

2. This letter is given in charge to the Rev. W. J. Woodcock, who joins the Mission with Mrs Woodcock, Mr & Mrs Hutchins, Messrs Cook & Betty, & Miss Neal. We trust arrangements will have been made to admit of these friends proceeding to their Stations without any considerable delay. A copy of the Committee's Instructions to them is enclosed, which you will have the kindness to record on the proceedings of the Corr. Committee.

3. You will perceive that the fixing of the Stations of the Teachers now coming out is referred to the Corr. Comee. In determining this, the Corr. Comee will in the first place provide for those places where Schoolhouses are to be built aided by the Government grant. It is the wish of the Committee that this object should be first provided for; & that every effort should be made by the Corr. Comee to place these schools on the most efficient footing, & that at the earliest possible period. This is due to the Government who have entrusted the Society with the expenditure of a portion of the public money. It is not less due to the people themselves on whose behalf the Parliamentary Grant was made; and

whose peculiar situation in the prospect of the early expiration of the period of their Apprenticeship, renders it an imperative duty to impart to them, as fully as possible, that religious instruction which the public bounty was intended to secure to them; & that more especially during their intermediate state. The Comee are so deeply impressed with the importance of improving, to the utmost, the present season for administering religious instruction to the people, that they hope to send out two or three additional Catechists, one married, during the present season. These efforts will, however, draw so largely on the Society's funds, that the Comee cannot look forward to the maintenance of the Society's establishments in Jamaica, to the extent to which they are now about to be carried, unless local resources are found to provide, to a very considerable extent, for the maintenance of the agents employed. In fact the West Indies now absorbs an undue proportion of the Society's pecuniary means; so large a proportion indeed that nothing but the earnest solicitude of the Comee to employ the agency of the Society to the utmost practicable extent, in preparing the people for passing through the great & critical change which awaits them advantageously to themselves & to the whole community, would have induced them to enlarge their operations in the West Indies to the extent which they have done.

10. The object next to the Government Schoolhouses for which the Committee wish to provide, are the three Maroon Towns, Moore Town, Accompong, & Charles Town. Of these, Moore Town seems to have primary claims upon us. In order to facilitate the attainment of this object, the Comee have lately solicited the intervention of Lord Glenelg in order to

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5. Applications have been recently made to us for Teachers by several West Indies Proprietors. We state the different Properties, that the attention of the Corr. Com.ee may be immediately given to the relative importance of them, & the facilities & advantages which each may possess in reference to the placing of a Teacher of the Society upon it.

St. Thos. in the East	Duckworth
	Daresfield.
St. Davids	Cocoa Walk
	Ultimatum
St. Marys	Rose Hill
	Bury Hill
Port Royal	Orchard
	Pean Hill.

The Proprietors of Duckworth & Orchard are particularly solicitous to have the agency of the Society employed on their respective Properties, & seem disposed to afford considerable advantages to the Society in case they receive Teachers from it. We shall probably have an opportunity of conferring with Mr Paxton & the Com.ee on the subject of these proposals before we close this letter.

6. You will have the kindness to see that Miss West is duly provided for on her arrival, & that proper arrangements are made for her marriage with Mr Norman, & joining him at his Station.

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	Pear Hill.

The Proprietors of Duckworth & Orchard are particularly solicitous to have the agency of the Society employed on their respective Properties, & seem disposed to afford considerable advantages to the Society in case they receive Teachers from it. We shall probably have an opportunity of conferring with Mr Paxton & the Comm.ee on the subject of these proposals before we close this letter.

6. You will have the kindness to see that Miss West is duly provided for on her arrival, & that proper arrangements are made for her marriage with Mr Norman, & joining him at his Station.

7. Our last letter will have made you acquainted with Mr. Seddon's representations as to his not having been provided with household necessaries on his arrival at his present Station. However the inconvenience to which he was subjected in this respect might have been occasioned, it is the earnest wish of the Comm^ee that such arrangements should be timely made as would secure to the Missionary or Catechist, on his arrival at his Station, a suitable dwelling & such articles of furniture as are really necessary for their health & general convenience. While therefore the provision in question is made in the most economical manner, both as to extent & quality, the Comm^ee trust that the matter may be so managed that each individual may have at his command, in future, a due supply of such, on his arrival at his Station.

I can add no more than my prayers that your health may be spared, & your labours increasingly receive blessing from the Lord!

I remain,

Dear Brother,

Very truly Yours,

D. [illegible]

[illegible]

Church Missionary House,

November 1. 1837.

Rev. W. K. Betts

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 30th ult. by the Friends who are to embark tomorrow on board the Duke of Bronte. As the Packet will probably arrive first, we enclose a duplicate of that letter, & add a few remarks in further explanation of the views of the Comm^ee with regard to the location of Teachers, & the Properties which may be open to them.

2. In addition to the Properties mentioned in my last letter, Sir G. H. Rose had expressed an earnest desire that Coley should be again occupied by one of the Society's Teachers. We are now in commu-

nication with him & Mr Davidson, Co-proprietor, but shall not be able to let you know the result by this opportunity. We mention the circumstance now that the Corr. Comee may bear Coley in mind, should it eventually be open to us, as our impression is that it will. In that case we are of opinion that Coley should be occupied by an Ordained Missionary. The Revd W. J. Woodcock would, we incline to think, be suitable for that post, & it may be advisable for the Corr. Comee not to pre-engage Mr W. until the result, with regard to Coley, be ascertained. Of that we shall probably be able to inform you by the next or the following Packet.

3. We mentioned in our last letter that Miss ~~[illegible]~~ Williams, is very anxious that a Teacher should be placed on her Property, Duckworth, in St Thos. in the East. We are led to believe that Duckworth might be connected with Coley, should Coley be occupied by an Ordained Missionary. As Duckworth is represented as a very eligible Station, we recommend these considerations to the attention of the Corr. Comee.

4. We also noticed in our last letter, that Orchard, Port Royal, was open to us. It is said to be very healthy, & eligible in other respects. The Proprietors, the Rev. Messrs Guest & Furnival & Geo. Guest, Esq., are disposed to afford the Society considerable advantages in supplying Timber & other requisites which the Property affords, in aid of the erection of a Schoolhouse. The Great House on the Property is also offered for the exclusive use of the Teacher employed. We understand that a Lay Teacher would be preferable for Orchard on account of the comparative nearness of a Parish Church. We think, however, that it should be one of our best Catechists. Mr Robt Gordon, the Attorney, whom we have seen & conversed with on the subject, in the company of Mr G. Guest, & who comes out by this Packet, is authorized, we believe, to make an arrangement with the Corr. Comee for occupying this Property. Possibly the Comee will deem it advisable to obtain a grant of land, & erect a Schoolhouse upon it, aided by the Government funds.

5. Mr Gordon, just mentioned, is either the Owner of or concerned

for the other Properties mentioned in our last letter. To him therefore we refer the Corr. Commee with respect to them. Of these, Cocoa Walk is mentioned as particularly eligible.

6. With regard to all the Properties above referred to, we beg the Corr. Commee will understand that no pledge whatever has been given to occupy any one of them. Our impression, however, is, that some of them possess such recommendations, as intimated above, as will induce the Corr. Com. to do so. There is, however, one consideration applicable to all Properties offered to the occupation of the Society, throughout the island. It is this. The security which they may respectively present that they will not be quitted by the people when the period of Apprenticeship terminated. Unless there be reasonable security for the continuance of a population sufficient to occupy the labours of a Teacher, we should not be warranted in incurring a large outlay for the erection of buildings upon it.

7. We request that you will furnish us, by the first packet after the receipt of this, with a complete list of the Schoolhouses in the island, aided by the Government Grant; stating where each is situated, & describing accurately the size of each, & the number of scholars which each will contain. You will also state when each was opened for school, or, if not yet completed, when the unfinished ones will be ready for that purpose. We wish you, at the same time, to transmit a separate & detailed account of all moneys, expended up to the date of its transmission, expended on account of Schoolhouses erected at the joint expense of the Society & Government.

8. We fully expect that the Commee will be able to send out three additional Catechists this season: one of them married.

9. We enclose the second of the Rev. J. Griffith's Bill, to Mr. King's order, for £100, on Mr. Orgill.

I remain

Dear Sir

Truly & affy Yours

D. Coates

Secy

Church Missionary House,
October 30 1837.

Messrs King & Redford.

Dear Brethren.

We enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Com^ee, which were delivered to you on the 27th inst. These Mr Redford is requested to copy on the passage, that each may be in possession of them.

2. Agreeably to the tenor of your Instructions, you will (respectively) act under the direction & superintendence of the Missionary in whose district you may be placed. They will provide what may be necessary in the way of outfit, in addition to that which you take with you. They also will arrange relative to your residence & all necessary supplies; & from them you will receive the pecuniary supplies to meet your necessary expenses. [It is the wish of the Com^ee that you should each keep a Journal of your proceedings made up to March 31st, June 30th, Sept. 30th, & Dec. 31st, & transmit it to them through the Missionaries immediately after the expiration of each quarter.

3. The sum of £20 is placed in the hands of Mr King to meet any expenses to which you may be subjected after leaving London. For the expenditure of this money you will account to Messrs Mühlhäuser & Kettel, & pay over to them any balance which may remain after defraying the expenses incurred on your landing in Trinidad.

4. The Com^ee wish you to proceed to your Stations with as little delay as may be, after your arrival at Port of Spain.

5. The Com^ee wish you on the voyage to avail yourselves of every suitable opportunity for promoting the spiritual profit of those with whom you sail. You will be supplied with Bibles, Prayer books, & Tracts, for the use of the Crew. It will, however, be necessary for you to bear in mind that you can only hold intercourse with the Crew for administering

religious instruction to them, with the sanction of the Captain. This however we doubt not that prudent, conciliatory, & christian conduct on your part will not fail to gain.

6. We shall be glad to hear from you when you leave the ship.

Praying that the divine Bleſsing may abundantly rest on yourselves & your labours,

I remain

Dear Brethren,

Very truly Yrs.

R. Crowdy

The Instructions of the Committee to Mr. Samuel King, and Mr. Francis Redford, on occasion of their proceeding to Trinidad.

Delivered October 17. 1837.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord.

The Committee meet, together with you and other friends of the Society, preparatory to your departure to those labours, in which it will be your distinguished privilege to be henceforth engaged, in Foreign lands. May the Spirit of Him, who breathed on his disciples, saying, "Peace be unto you!" – be now with us! A new and deeper sense of his pardoning love, giving us remiſsion of sins that are past, is the foundation of that peace: and together with it, we also need a lively feeling of His gracious presence in the midst of us, shedding abroad love, joy, patience, gentleneſs, meekneſs, in all our hearts. If these things be in us, and abound, we shall find it good thus to meet, and thus to part: and we shall often be refreshed in future years by the remembrance that an answer was vouchsafed to this our short and simple prayer — "The Lord be with us!"

The Committee in appointing you to labour as Catechists in the Island of Trinidad, have been influenced by the spiritual wants of that Island, and by the hopeful indications already opening before them there. They have to mourn the early removal by death of one of the Society's Catechists, from whom they had naturally expected valuable services for years to come. Yet it pleased the Head of the Church to take him away when he had but just put his sickle into the harvest. The Committee trust that this affecting event will have its due effect, both in stimulating your zeal, and in leading you likewise to exercise a proper care of health; remembering how precious is the life of every faithful labourer, so long as it pleases the Lord to spare him.

In reference to the position of Protestant Labourers, in the almost Popish Island of Trinidad, the Committee would on this occasion renew their counsels on the duty of your uniting the wisdom of the serpent with the harmlessness of the dove. It may be most generally expedient for you to abstain from religious controversy; and certainly it will be at all times requisite to guard against those angry tempers, to which religious controversy too often gives occasion; *for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God*. Devoted, as you will chiefly be, to the education of the young, on the principles already adverted to in the Instructions to the West Africa Catechists, copied below, it will be your main desire plentifully to pour in Bible Knowledge. The Roman Catholics understand their policy, in *excluding* the Holy Scriptures: let it be your endeavour, with God's help, to make those Scriptures known in all their simplicity and integrity. The Committee will only add a suggestion on the importance of your maintaining, under these circumstances, the most friendly spirit one towards another. "Let brotherly love continue". Let not the great enemy, in this respect, gain any advantage over you.

The Instructions to the Sierra Leone Catechists, above referred to, are as follows — To you who are going forth as Catechists, the Committee would recommend the perusal of the reports of those labourers who have gone before you in this department. These accounts are, more or leſs minutely, given in the pages of the Church Miſsionary Record. You will also have before you the living example of those who are now thus labouring in the Colony of Sierra Leone. The teaching, and training of children will immediately be committed to your hands; and all that you know concerning our system of Mutual Instruction, Infant Schools, and general discipline, will be put into requisition. In this work also you will find all your past studies of Scripture truth, and Scripture history, to be available. This knowledge, above all others, it must be your daily busineſs to augment, in order to your becoming more and more instructed in the things that pertain to the kingdom of God. As you advance in acquaintance with the Native Character, you will find some of those, among whom you perform religious services, enquiring from you more particularly the way of salvation. These, so far as it respects Ministerial offices, you will refer generally to the Miſsionaries: yet in the mean time it should be your aim to enter into the feelings of these religious enquirers, and learn from your more experienced brethren the best methods of dealing with Christian converts. The Committee would not that their younger labourers should hastily engage in this department, which requires so much experience of the heart and knowledge of the world; but if, with prayer for the divine bleſsing, and a humble self-distrust, you gradually enter upon this work, you will in time render service to the seniors in the Miſsion in bringing forward hopeful natives for further instruction: and your own souls will be greatly benefitted by this continual attention to experimental and social piety, as maintained among the pious Natives, in their intercourse with the large Miſsionary family at Sierra Leone.

Instructions to Messrs King & Redford
Oct. 17/37

Before parting with you dear Brethren, the Committee desire once more to impress on your minds, what has often been represented to you; — the greatness of the work which is now, in the good Providence of God, committed to your charge. You go forth, according to your several degrees and gifts, for the sole object of becoming instrumental to the salvation of perishing men. Others visit foreign lands, for the purposes of gaining wealth, or earning earthly glory, or enriching the stores of literature and science. You devote yourselves to a far higher end. What they do is for the obtaining of a corruptible crown: what you do and what you suffer, will be, in order that you and many others may obtain, from the free, unmerited gift of God our Saviour; a crown that is incorruptible. The Committee earnestly desire that this view should ever be present to your minds; because there are so many humbling circumstances attendant on the Missionary warfare, and you will pass onward through such a crowd of human beings who mind only earthly things, that constant watchfulness on your parts will be required, and much prayer, in order that you may not be borne down by the mass of ungodliness, indifference, or enmity pressing you on every side. You will need to endure, as seeing Him who is invisible. You will need that realizing faith, which shall fill you with a feeling of the glory of the Cross, and of Him who hung thereon. You will need constant communion with the Saviour of your own souls, that you may feel an abiding, — yea, an ever increasing love for the souls of the Heathen. The Committee doubt not but that you have already partaken, in some good measure, of this spirit of love for souls; and that you would account it the greatest of all honours to be made instrumental in bringing one, even only one, to the saving knowledge of Christ. How much more deeply and tenderly will you feel this, if at any future period you should see good reason for be-living that one, *even only one*; soul has been given to you for your hire and your reward. But oh, how vast, how unbounded will be your amazement and your adoring gratitude to the Redeemer, should you meet in the courts above, not one; but many, who have been brought to glory by Christ, in consequence of some word you have uttered, some Gospel-meſsage that you have delivered; some letter that you may have written; — or, in answer to the fervent and believing prayers that you have offered up. Realize those bleſsed moments to be spent in heaven — moments that will never end — moments of the purest holiest triumphs; when, if found faithful unto death, you shall enjoy this communion of the saints, together with the knowledge that you have been permitted, all unworthy as you were, to add to their number, through means of your Miſsionary labours. Now, your steps are humble — oh, let them ever be so, while on your pilgrimage! — but *then*, they shall be glorious. Now, you hunger and thirst; then you shall be filled. Now, you weep, and the world laughs; but then your sorrow shall be turned into joy; and your joy none shall take from you. Now, you ask; then, you shall receive the complete fruition of your largest hopes. Now, you, and we, and all the lively members of Christ, are like so many poor mendicants, knocking at the gate of heaven, praying that it may be opened to a great multitude, redeemed out of the midst of this present evil world. Then, the gate will have been opened; the company will have been aſsembled; all that work iniquity shall have been cast out; and then, Hallelujahs will begin that shall never, never end. Having therefore such promises of entering into this glorious rest, let us fear lest any of us should seem to come short of it: and do you especially, who are called to this bleſsed work, strive to enter in not alone. Whenever you are called to see a dying Miſsionary Brother or Sister, or any other departing saint, stepping, as it were, a little before you into the heavenly kingdom, let that closing scene endear the Saviour yet more to your own souls, and quicken you in winning others to Christ. Let all things work to this end: give yourselves wholly to this your high vocation, that you may both save yourselves, and them that hear you.

By order of the Committee

} Secretaries.

Church Missionary House,

Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

October 30. 1837.

Dear Brethren,

1. We enclose a Duplicate of our last letter to you under date of July 20/37, & have since received the following communications from you:

Mr. Muhlhauser's letters, June 15, July 24/37.
Acct. Current to June/37
Rept. of San Fernando School, June/37.
Mr. Eckel's letter, July 20/37, & Acct. Curr. to June/37.
Report of Schools, to June/37.
Mr. McWilliams' Rept. of Schools, June/37, & Acct. Curt.
Account of Expenses on voyage of Messrs. Mc. Arthur &c.

2. This letter is given in charge to Messrs. King & Redford, whose arrival out our former letters will have prepared you to expect. A copy of the Instructions of the Comee. to them is enclosed, & also a letter to them from me, of this day's date, for your information. The Rev. W. Jowett writes by this packet to the Bishop of Barbados, apprising him that these friends are about to proceed to Trinidad to act as Catechists, under your superintendence. It will therefore not be requisite that you should make any communication to the Bishop or Rural Dean respecting them.

3. It will be for you to fix the station & precise sphere

of duty of these friends. In doing this you will especially bear in mind 1. Salubrity of situation 2. A sufficient field of labour, & the convenience of the children's being collected in the School under their charge; & 3. the bearing of their particular stations upon those previously occupied, so that the whole population of the district occupied by the Society's teachers may have the utmost possible advantage afforded to them as to education & religious instruction.

4. There is one remark in reference to Licences which I omitted to make when formerly writing on the subject: it is the distinction between the Ordained Missionary & the Catechist. There is no question as to an Ordained Missionary's acting under the Licence of the Bishop, whenever he is exercising his ministry within the Diocese of a Bishop of our Church. You were therefore acting in entire conformity with the views & wishes of the Com^tee in applying to the Bishop for a licence for yourselves. On this point the Rev. J. M. Trew appears, from your statement, to have laboured under some misapprehension.

5. A Bill has recently arrived from Trinidad, drawn by Mr Williams. We have accepted the Bill, though the proceeding is irregular. You will find, by a reference to your Instructions, that you were to draw on me for all sums expended on account of the Mission. It was also the wish of the Com^tee, as stated in your Instructions, that such Bills should be drawn by you jointly, & not separately, as has been the case. A little foresight would, we apprehend, enable you to act on this part of your Instructions, without inconvenience. Your meeting together at stated periods, perhaps once a month, would not only give you the opportunity of personal conference on the business of your respective districts, & of settling between yourselves what sums are to be drawn for; but would

likewise afford you the opportunity of that spiritual intercourse which, if duly improved, would, under the divine blessing, materially promote your mutual comfort, edification, & usefulness. The Com.ee attach much importance to the maintenance of regular intercourse of this kind between Individuals situated as you are with regard to each other.

6. The ship by which your respective letters of July 24/37 & July 20/37, were sent, was wrecked. Though the letters and their enclosures reached us, the writing was so much injured by sea water as to be in some places illegible. You will therefore have the kindness to forward to us immediately a duplicate of those letters & of their enclosures.

7. Have the kindness to forward to their destination the letters to the Rev. J. H. Bernau, the Rev. T. Youd, & Mr C. Carter, which are enclosed.

I remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Church Missionary House

November 1. 1837.

Rev. Mess.rs Muhlhauser & Hechel

Dear Brethren,

1. We wrote to you on the 30th ult. by Mess.rs King & Redford, who are appointed to embark tomorrow for Trinidad, on board the Palestine. We omitted to acknowledge, in our last letter, Mr Muhlhauser's letter of Aug. 30/37.

2. As the Packet will probably arrive out before the Palestine, we enclose a duplicate of our last letter that you may make such arrangements that Mess.rs King & Redford may join you in Naparima with as short a detention at Port of Spain as possible.

3. We are expressly authorized, in virtue of our arrangement with Government, to use for the purpose of Public Worship the Schoolhouses the erection of which had been aided by the Parlia-

mentary Grant. The Schoolhouses are, in fact, the property of the Society, & are to be used by you, & all connected with the Society, precisely in the same manner as if they had been erected exclusively at the Society's cost. It will be requisite, however, that you should apply to the Bishop to license the Schoolhouses, when used for the performance of Public Worship.

4. We request that you will furnish us, by the first Packet after the receipt of this, with a complete list of the Schoolhouses in the island, aided by the Government Grant; stating where each is situated, & describing accurately the size of each, & the number of Scholars which each will contain. You will also state when each was opened for school, or, if not yet completed, when the unfinished ones will be ready for that purpose. We wish you, at the same time, to transmit a separate & detailed account of all moneys expended up to the date of its transmission, expended on account of Schoolhouses erected at the joint expense of the Society & Government.

5. In reply to Mr. Muhlhauser's enquiry, we beg to state that we see no objection to the Schoolmaster's house being under the same roof with a Schoolhouse the erection of which has been aided by Government funds; but the expenses for the erection of each must be kept entirely distinct, & separately rendered.

6. The Comm^ee will cheerfully meet your necessary expenses in the performance of your duties; but they rely on your studying the strictest economy in all parts of it. They cannot, at present, as you are circumstanced, fix the amount which may be requisite on account of the several heads of charge, or the modes in which the different parts of your expenditure may be most advantageously effected. They can only, therefore, repeat their earnest expectation that you will carefully watch over the whole, & limit all within the narrowest bounds consistent with efficiency.

7. We are glad to learn that you have engaged some Teach-

ers on the spot. The Comm.ee wish you to provide for the Mission in this way as much as possible; as it is far more economical to the Society than sending Teachers from this country.

I remain,
Dear Brethren,
Truly & affy. Yours,
D. Coates

Bp. Barbados

Church Missionary House, London,
November 15th 1837.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to acquaint your Lordship that Mr. Francis Redford, & Mr. Samuel King, who have just set sail for Trinidad, are appointed to labour as Catechists in that Island in connexion with the Society's Missionaries, stationed there.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. faithful Servt.,
William Jowett
Sec. C.M.S.

C.M. House
Nov 18/37

G.R. Clarke Esq

My dear Sir

I return the copy of the letter from the Rev. G. A. Hill to Mr. G. R. Clarke, which you left with me, relative to placing a Clergyman connected with the

the Supt. &c. at Greenwich. When the Archd. Griffith was lately in England he suggested to me the Rev. Mr. Argyll, now his Curate and with whom he was about to part, as a suitable individual for that post, and I informed him that if an arrangement for Mr. Argyll's being placed there could, on his return to Jamaica, be brought about, it would be entirely satisfactory to our Comttee. Provided therefore that Mr. Argyll on going to Greenwich stands to the Ch. Supt. &c. in all respects on the same footing as the other ordained Supts. in the Island, we shall be very glad to receive him into connexion with us. I must add however that as the Society is incurring a very large pecuniary charge in extending its operations in Jamaica to meet the present exigency, the Comm^ee earnestly wish as large an amount as practicable of local resources in aid of the expense of placing an ordained Missy. in the locality.

I remain
My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D Coates

C.M. House.
Dec. 1837.

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Rev. R. Panton.

Dear Sir

We have just received from Sir G. Grey a copy of a Letter from Sir Lionel Smith to Lord Glenelg of Sep. 1837, in reply to yours and the Rev. G. Griffiths's to me in June last, a copy of which was sent to Lord Glenelg and by him to Sir L. Smith. I enclose a copy of Sir L. Smith's letter for your information and shall be glad to receive from your any remarks or explanations which you deem necessary

I remain
My dear Sir
very truly Yours
J Coates

Church Missionary House,
Dec. 1. 1837.

Rev. W K Betts

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you under date of the 1st ult. of which letter a duplicate is enclosed. Since that period no communications from Jamaica have reached us.

2. The Form of Trust Deed under which the property belonging to the Society in Jamaica is now held, has been brought under the consideration of the Committee. It was referred by them to one of our legal friends, who advised some modification of the Form, & an additional number of Trustees. In this form it was adopted by the Committee on the 7th ult. A copy of their Resolution is enclosed, of the names of the Trustees, & of the Form of Trust Deed to be in future followed. As it now stands, it is assimilated to that under which the Society's possessions in its India Mission is held. To prevent inconvenience from a deficiency of Trustees, thirteen are named; & to facilitate any transfer of property which may become necessary, three Trustees are competent to act.

3. You are possibly aware that Mr. C. M. Clarke has been promoting the erection of a Church at Swanswick. Through the kind offices of his brother, Mr. G. H. Clarke, the placing of a Clergyman there is referred to the C. M. Society. The situation is an eligible one, & we should be glad to occupy it, if the means of doing so can be found. We had some conversation with the Rev. J. Griffith on the subject before he left England, & he seemed to be of opinion that his Curate the Rev. Orgill, whose services in that capacity he did not intend to continue, would be a desirable person. If this

could be arranged, it would meet the case. We therefore beg the best attention of the Corr. Commee to the subject. If the arrangement be made, it must be with the concurrence of the Bishop, & Mr. Cargill must stand in the same relation to the C. M. Society as its other Missionaries in the island. It will also be requisite that as much local aid as practicable should be obtained toward the expense of placing Mr. Cargill at Brunswick in relief of the Society's funds, & this the more especially as Mr. C's. appointment will be expressly for Brunswick, & we do not conceive that he would be removable to another, if once placed there. We enclose a copy of a letter which was addressed to Mr. G. K. Clarke by Mr. Coates on the subject, & in the tenor of which we understand Mr. G. K. Clarke to acquiesce.

4. The Committee have given their attention to your suggestion in reference to a modification of some clauses of the Jamaica Clergy Law, on its renewal, approaching, in order to facilitate the operations of the C. M. Society in the island. In the event they framed a clause, of which a copy is enclosed, which they thought calculated to meet the case. This was forwarded to Lord Glenelg with a request that, if it met his approval, he would recommend to the local Authorities its insertion in the Clergy Law when it should be renewed. A copy of a letter from Sir George Grey of the 24th ult. in reply, is enclosed. We transmit these documents for the information of the Corr. Commee, & to enable them to take such steps in furtherance of the object, as they may deem advisable.

5. We regret that of three Catechists referred to in Par. 9 of our last letter, one only, Mr. Taylor, will come out this season. One of the others will, we hope, join the Mission next autumn. The offer of the other was declined. We much regret this, as the Commee have been very anxious to strengthen the Mission as much as possible before the expiration of the apprenticeship period. Mr. Taylor, who is a married man with three children, comes out D.V. by the Amity Hall, which will sail, we expect, in the course of next week.

I remain,

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours,

D. Coate

420 Dec. 8/57. W. H. Taylor

C. M. House
Dec: 8/57

W. H. Taylor.

My dear Sir

I find you are called to go on board earlier than those expected. I enclose your instructions, which will serve for your guidance in your future proceedings, under the direction of the Corresponding Comm.ttee

I also enclose a letter to Mr. King or the Rev. W. C. Betts, whichever you may be able most conveniently to meet with on your arrival at Kingston. From them you will receive directions as to all your future course.

The ten pounds given to you to-day are for any expenses you may be put to before you reach Kingston and are to be accounted for to the Committee.

With our prayers that you and Mrs. Taylor may fully enjoy the Divine blessing

I remain
very truly Wm. C. Cowley

J. King, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
Dec. 8. 1837.

Dear Sir.

I beg to introduce to you Mr. Henry Taylor & Mrs. Taylor, who come out to strengthen the Jamaica Mission. Have the kindness to give him the necessary directions with regard to his proceedings.

With our thanks for your kindness on former occasions,

I remain

Dear Sir

Very truly Yrs.

D. Coates

Secy.

Rev. W. K. Betts.

Church Missionary House
Dec. 15. 1837.

Dear Sir.-

1. We enclose a Duplicate of our last Letter of the 1st. Inst. & its Enclosures. The following are the only communications from the Mission which have since reached us:-

Mr. J. King's Letter, Sept. 29/37.
Mr. P. Newman's Letter, Sept. 25/37.

2. Mr. Henry Taylor, referred to in my last Letter, sailed for Jamaica on the 1st. Inst. in the "Amity Hall." His infant child died in London before his embarkation. We were unable to write to you by Mr. Taylor more than a few lines to make him known to you, or to Mr. King. As this Letter will probably arrive before Mr. Taylor, you will have the kindness in communication with Mr. King to make the requisite arrangement for his reception and proceeding to his destination. The selection of a Station is referred to the Corr. Comm.

3. The Rev. R. Panton will probably remain in this country till the Spring. Mrs. P.'s health is improved; but a Winter's sojourn in England is considered necessary for its reestablishment.

I remain, Dear Sir

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Secy.

Jan. 1838. Sir G. Grey

Sir G. Grey, Bart

Church Miſsionary House,
January 1. 1838.

Sir,

1. Your Letter of November 29. 1837, transmitting a copy of one from Sir Lionel Smith to Lord Glenelg, under date of September 18. 1837, animadverting on the conduct of the Rev. G. Griffiths and the Rev. R. Panton, respecting the Maroons at Moore Town, Jamaica, had been communicated to the Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society.

2. The Rev. R. Panton being in London, a copy of Sir L. Smith's Letter was transmitted to him, and his reply had been received by the Committee.

3. I am now directed by the Committee to addreſs to you the following remarks on Sir L. Smith's Letter, for the information of Lord Glenelg.

4. The Rev. Meſsrs Griffiths and Panton are spoken of throughout Sir L. Smith's Letter as Miſsionaries. They are both Colonial Clergymen. Mr Griffiths is Rector of Portland, within which the Maroon Settlement of Moore Town is situated. Mr Panton was lately Island Curate of St Thomas in the East, which situation he relinquished about a year ago to accept the office of Secretary of the Corresponding Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society in Jamaica.

5. The circumstances which called forth the Letter of Meſsrs Griffiths and Panton are to be borne in mind. Their letter did not originate the discuſsion, but was written in their own exculpation from charges

brought against them in certain Minutes of the° Jamaica Council, and in a Letter from Sir Lionel Smith to Lord Glenelg, covering the transmission of those Minutes. These documents having been communicated to the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, by Lord Glenelg's directions, were by them transmitted to Messrs Griffiths and Panton, they being at the time in this country, to give them an opportunity of explaining and vindicating themselves in reference to the criminating matters contained in the papers in question. Their Letter therefore was a proceeding imposed upon them in self defence.

6. The principal ground of complaint against Messrs Griffiths and Panton in Sir L. Smith's Letter appears to be their having, in their Letter to me of June 6/37, represented the proceedings in Council as of an ex parte nature. In this respect the Committee of the Church Missionary Society took the same view as those gentlemen. In my letter to you on this subject. February 21. 1837, (Par. 6) it is stated that in the judgment of the Committee "the evidence given on the occasion can only be considered, so far as the Corresponding Committee are concerned, as given ex parte, in the absence of the accused." As the members of the Corresponding Committee accused were Messrs Trew, Griffiths, and Panton, it was to them that this remark applied.

7. On a review of the case, the Committee find themselves compelled still to regard the proceedings before the Council in the same light. Of the three persons examined before the Council, one was the

Superintendent, Capt. Wright; a second, Col. Mackenzie, who had signed the Petition of October 11, 1836, and thus placed himself in the situation of an accuser of Meſs.rs Griffiths and Panton; and the third, the Rev. R. Forbes, was on the point of diſsolving his connexion with the Church Miſsionary Society. Such a course of proceedings, while the accused parties were at hand, but were called not on for their defence, nor even informed that charges against them of a grave character were under adjudication, nor any witneſs at all called in favor of the accused, the Committee conceive cannot be considered as other than exparte.

8. The representation of Sir L. Smith, that "if Mr Griffiths knew the existence of the charges, the Council room was open to him, or any one wishing to defend them," - does not, the Committee are of opinion, alter the character of what took place in the Council. It cannot fairly be argued that because a person incidentally hears that a charge of a criminatory nature is preferred against him, he is to be considered as equitably put on his trial, and to have no just cause to complain that, in his absence and unheard, that charge is declared to be "distinctly proved." Yet such was the result in the present case; as the proceedings of the Council were closed after the examination of three witneſses above mentioned, and those proceedings officially transmitted to the Secretary of State by a functionary filling the high office of Governor of Jamaica.

9. It is further to be observed, on this head, that

this partial information of what was passing applied to Mr. Griffiths only, and that Mr. Panton was not even so far cognisant of the Council's proceedings.

10. Sir L. Smith states (Par. 7) - "On the 6th. of December the reverend Richard Forbes, Capt. Thomas Wright, the Superintendent, and Lieut. Col. McKenzie, Lieut. William Lialt, Capt. Philips and John Miniet, and Capt. and Ensign Robert Osborn, all Officers of the Maroons, were called severally as Witnesses and sworn before the Board." Though these seven persons were sworn, it appears by the Minutes of Council that three only were examined, as stated above; viz. Capt. Wright, Col. McKenzie, and the Rev. R. Forbes. No reason is assigned why the other four individuals were not examined.

11. In Par. 10 of Sir L. Smith's letter His Excellency says that in transmitting the Report of Council and the Documents appended to it to Lord Glenelg, "he read the *Report only*", it being near the time of the Packet's departure; and adds, "and in forwarding the Documents in reference to the Council's recommendation that a representation should be made to the King's Ministers on the propriety of placing any funds for the advancement of religion and education which may be awarded to the Colony, under the control and authority of the constituted Authorities, I merely suggested to your Lordship the propriety of consulting the Church Missionary Society at home as to the proper authorities for disbursing the funds in aid of buildings for

education and religion." In the letter of Sir L. Smith to Lord Glenelg of December 16, 1836, which gave rise to the present discussion, it is said, "Your Lordship will have the goodness to consider of the expediency of consulting the Church Missionary Society at home, as to the proper authorities for disbursing their funds in aid of buildings for education and religion." If this sentence misled Messrs. Griffiths and Paxton, it equally misled the Committee; for their interpretation of it was, that it was intended to suggest to Lord Glenelg the expediency of discontinuing to assign portions of the Parliamentary Grant to the Church Missionary Society, and to transfer them to others, whom His Excellency designates "the proper Authorities. As, however, it appears that the Committee misapprehended Sir L. Smith's meaning, they do not dwell further on the point.

12. That the proceedings before the Council were exparte, has already been shown. As it was open to the Council to call what witnesses they pleased, and they did call only Capt. Wright and Mr. Forbes, as above explained, it was not easy for Messrs. Griffiths and Paxton not to infer that they were selected with a view to substantiate the charges which had been brought forward against them. Some latitude is also to be excused in the language of persons vindicating themselves from the serious charges brought against them in their absence, in reply to which they were not heard, and of which, in fact, they were not guilty.

13. Sir L. Smith avers it as a fact (Par. E) "that the Missionaries by their own showing succeeded in dividing one half of the Maroons against the

other half, though it has always been a great object of the Legislature to keep them united & contented." The Committee submit the following considerations as calculated to tend to a different conclusion from that drawn by the Governor. The first petition was, the Committee have reason to believe, the voluntary act of the Maroons in favor of the Society by the labours of whose Teachers they had long benefitted, and was signed by upward of one hundred of their number, all, with the exception of one, Col. McKenzie, who were in the town at the time. The second was a counter Petition, presented to them, the Committee understand, by Capt. Wright, the Superintendent, and signed by him in behalf of eleven of their number, some of whom had previously signed the first petition. It would appear therefore that the Maroons were nearly unanimous in signing the first Petition, that adopted at the suggestion of Messrs Griffiths & Panton, and that consequently a division among them, if it exist, is not chargeable on Messrs Griffiths and Panton.

14. It is said by Sir L. Smith that Osborne's Petition was for an illegal object;" and that "he was obliged to reject it because it was not forwarded through his Superintendent, as the regulations require."

15. The Committee have yet to learn that the object of this Petition was illegal; that object being the sanction, by the proper Authorities, of a grant of land by the Maroons at Moore Town for a Schoolhouse, to be erected by aid of the Parliamentary Grant. With regard to its becoming "the property of the Society," this is, as you are aware, in strict accordance with the arrangements with Lord Glenelg, under which a portion of the public money was assigned to the Society for Negro Education. Possibly the grant for a school-house may have been confounded with a grant for a Paro-

chial Chapel, which by the Jamaica Clergy Law vests in the Bishop of the Diocese.

6. If the transmission of the Petition were irregular, it arose out of the parties being unaware of the regulation referred to by Sir L. Smith. It was forwarded through the Members of Assembly for the two parishes which lie north and south of Moore Town, Mr. Bryan Edwards, and Mr. Edward Panton.

7. The Committee would here willingly close their remarks on Sir L. Smith's letter; but feel it would be a dereliction of duty toward Messrs. Griffiths and Panton, to whose valuable counsels & labours the Church Missionary Society is deeply indebted in carrying on the Society's Mission in Jamaica, not to express their surprise and regret that His Excellency should have been betrayed into the use of such language as that contained in different parts of his letter in speaking of these Clergymen.

I have the honor to remain,
Sir.
Your faithful Servant,
D. Coates
Sec. C. M. S.

Church Missionary House,
February 13. 1838.

Rev Messrs. Muhlhauser & Hekel.

Dear Brethren;

1. Since the despatch of our last letter, dated Nov. 1/37, of which a duplicate is enclosed, we have received the following communications from you:-

Rev. J. J. Muhlhauser's letter of Oct. 11/37.
Mr. J. McWilliams' -- of Sept. 30/37.

2. We are unable at present to do more than enclose the Invoice & Bill of Lading of goods Pr. Gratitude, Capt. Todd. We hope however to write at

length shortly.

I remain
Dear Brethren,
Truly & affy Yours,
D Coates
Sec. CMS.
Church Miss. House,
Feb. 14. 1837.

J King, Esqr

Dear Sir,

Since the despatch of our letter to the Rev. W K Betts, dated Dec. 15/37, we have received the following communications from you:-

Your letter of Dec. 9/37.
Rev. J. F. Sefrong's letter of Nov. 22/37
Rev. W K Betts' letters of Oct. 31 & Dec. 8/37.
Min. of Corr. Com., Oct. 4 & 5/37.
Mr J Pollitt's letter of Nov. 8/37.
Mr D Seddon's - - to Mr Betts, Sept. 26/37, with
Certificate of the health of Mrs S.
The Kingston Chronicle, Nov. 28 & Dec. 2 & 4/37.
The Polypheme, Nov. 25 & Dec. 2/37.

2. We enclose a duplicate of our letter to Mr Betts above referred to, & the Invoice & Bill of Lading of a shipment Pr Rawlins, Capt. Mc Queen. We hope to write at length by the next packet.

I remain
Dear Sir
Very truly Yrs.
D Coates
Sec.

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March 1/38. Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House
Feb. 14. 1838.

Rev. W. K. Betts

Dear Sir,

Lord Glenelg having communicated to us Mr. Latrobe's Report respecting Negro Education in Jamaica, we enclose a copy for the information of the Corr. Comm.. You will perceive that we have reason to be much satisfied with the general character of it, though it is not surprising that, in such multifarious inquiries within a limited period, it is not perfectly accurate in some of its details. On some topics adverted to by Mr. Latrobe we purpose to enter at another opportunity.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours
D. Coates

Church Missionary House
March 1. 1838.

Br. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Dear Brethren,

1. We wrote a hasty line to you on the 13th ult. by the "Gratitude", Capt. Todd, and we have since received the following communications from the Mission:

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's Letter, Oct. 11/37,
Mr. J. A. Williams' do. Sept. 30/37
Mr. S. King's do. Dec. 15/37
Rev. A. Eckel's do. Jan. 8/38 & Acct. Curr. July to Dec/37

2. We were thankful to learn the safe arrival of Messrs. King & Redford at the place of their destination, and trust they are now entered into their respective spheres of labour.

3. A circumstance respecting Mr King has been communicated to us by the Bishop of Barbados, which has occasioned us much surprise & pain. It is, that on the evening of his arrival at Port of Spain he preached in the Wesleyan Meeting-

House. It is difficult to suppose that Mr King could be so ill informed of what became him in his situation or so regardless of the obligation which his connexion with the Society imposed upon him as to take the step attributed to him. On the other hand it is not probable that the Bishop would have stated the circumstance had he not had certain information of its truth. You will however acquaint Mr King with the Bishop's statement, and direct him immediately to address a Letter to us stating what really did take place.

4. We have not yet had an opportunity of referring to the Committee respecting the enforcing the learning of the Church Catechism by the children in your Schools. This question is a very different one from that of using the Scriptures, concerning which we wrote to you in our Letters of Jan. 16/37 & Feb. 9/37. The completely unrestricted use of the Bible in administering religious instruction to your Scholars must, on no account, be surrendered. It is not clear that it is equally obligatory to insist on their universally learning the Church Catechism. This you would probably find it advisable to insist upon or not as, on a comprehensive view of all the circumstances of your situation, might appear most conducive to your usefulness to all classes of the community among whom you labour.

5. With reference to the Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's inquiry concerning Schoolmasters, in his Letter of Oct. 11th/37, it has been in great part practically answered by the arrival out of Messrs King & Redford. We doubt, however, whether the Committee will be prepared to go much farther in sending out Schoolmasters from this country, it is therefore very important that your attention should be steadily and earnestly directed to the formation, at the earliest practicable period, of an efficient Normal School, wherein well trained Schoolmasters and Catechists might be prepared on the spot. It is to this source alone that you can look for an adequate supply of agents. There is therefore no object more important in subserviency to the extensive diffusion of

religious instruction among the coloured Population than the forming and placing on an efficient footing an establishment for supplying them with competent Teachers.

6. The following Bills have been presented on account of the Mission since those particularised in par. 10 of our Letter of June 30/37.—

May 1/37. Rev. A. Eckel ..	£ 40.	May 8/37. Rev. A. Eckel.	£ 9.11.6
May 6/37. Rev. A. Eckel.	£ 35.	Aug. 9. Rev. J. Muhlhauser,	£ 150.
— 20/37. Rev. J. Muhlhauser,	£ 100	— 2^d. Rev. A. Eckel ..	£ 60.
June 9/37. — do —	£ 100.	July 31. A. Williams	£ 30.
May 27/37. Rev. A. Eckel.	£ 130.	Sept 12. Muhlhauser & Eckel	£ 300.
June 26/37. Rev. J. Muhlhauser	£ 200.	Oct 17. Rev. J. Muhlhauser	£ 400.
— 7/7/37 — do —	£ 125	Nov. 2. Rev. A. Eckel.	£ 120.
July 19/37. Rev. A. Eckel —	£ 27.10.0	— 28. Rev. J. Muhlhauser,	£ 400.
May 29/37. Rev. J. Muhlhauser,	£ 32	Dec. 1st — do —	£ 200.
July 28/37. Rev. A. Eckel —	£ 100.	— 2. Rev. A. Eckel	£ 7.6.5.

Allow us again to call your attention to the tenor of your Instructions, and to par. 5 of our Letter of Oct 30/37, relative to the mode of drawing your Bills. We recur to the subject because we find them still drawn separately instead of jointly, as directed by the Com^ee.

7. Mr King speaks in his Letter of having received an impression at this house to write short Letters. On this point he is under an entire misapprehension. It is the wish of the Com^ee that every one connected with the Society should write to them fully and regularly on all their proceedings.

8. We are now looking for the information requested in par. 6 of our Letter of Nov 1/37 & also your Accounts & the Returns of the Mission to Dec. 31/37.

Begging our kind regards to all engaged in the Mission,

We remain, Dear Brethren,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House

Mar 8, 38

Rev. L. Strong

Dear Sir

1. Since the despatch of our letter of Oct 16/37, of which a duplicate is enclosed, the following communications have reached us from British Guiana:

Rev J H Bernau		Nov 4/37
Rev T. Youd		Oct 31/37
	do Journal	Aug to Sep/37
Mr C Carter		Oct 2/37
do	Journal	July to Sep/37
do	do	Oct/37
do	Letter	Jan 9/38

2. We sympathise with you in the afflicting dispensation which awaited your return to Demerara, in the death of your relative the Rev J B Williams - a dispensation which falls with peculiar severity on the people of your pastoral charge, whose loss in the early removal of Mr Williams you will, we fear, not easily replace. May the visitation be sanctified both to you & to others, & may the Great Head of the Church raise up a faithful & zealous helper to you in the place of him, whose warfare is accomplished.

3 In the Minutes of the Corr Comt, Jan 17/37, we observe that the Revd J H Bernau's salary is fixed at £300 sterling. Allow us to remind you of the request of the Committee, that the payments of all salaries & allowances should be made in the local currency & not in sterling money.

4. The Committee have not, at present, decided on the Rev T. Youd's proposal with regard to the formation of a

station among one of the Indian Tribes in the interior.

Our impression is that the undertaking proposed by Mr Y. is of too extensive a nature to be engaged in, at the present moment. We still incline to the opinion that an exploratory journey into the interior, at the proper season of the year, without the extensive apparatus of outfit & supplies proposed by Mr Y. is the proper immediate step to be taken. The journey might be of a duration & prosecuted to an extent to be determined by the circumstances in which Mr Y might find himself placed. The leading object should be carefully to collect full & authentic information on all points connected with the state of the Indian Tribes in the interior, & suited to guide the Com Comm. in forming a judgement with regard to the eventual & progressive extension of the Mission among them. In order to the successful prosecution of this design it is obvious that the excursion should be extended as far & comprise as many of the principal Tribes as circumstances will permit.

5 Mr Bernau's letter of Feb 22/37 contains many important remarks & suggestions. We hope to notice these more particularly by the next packet.

6. By this ship the "Stromness" Capt Isbister we forward the usual Publications to the present date. The shipment is consigned to Mr Pollard. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

7. We are now looking to hear of your arrival in Demerara & of the arrangements which have been made in pursuance of the Resolutions of the Comm. of Oct 3/37

Praying that you may receive the abundance of Grace & Peace

We remain

Dear Sir

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Secy CMS

Church Missionary House

March 16. 1838.

Rev W K Betts

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote a few lines to you by Packet on the 17th ult., transmitting a copy of Mr. Latrobe's Report. The following communications from the Mission have reached us since the despatch of our preceding letter. Dec 18/37:-

Your Letters, Oct 30th & Dec 8/37
Minutes of Corr. Comee. Oct 24th/37
Mr. [illegible] Letter, Dec 9 & Dec 18/37
Rev. J. T. [illegible] Letter, Nov 22/37
Rev. W. [illegible] Letter, Dec 22/37
Mr. [illegible] Letter to Rev. W. K. Betts, Sept [illegible]/37 with
Medical Certificate of Mrs [illegible]
Mr. J. [illegible] Letter, Nov 6/37
Kingston Chronicle, Nov 28, Dec 2 & Dec 6/37
Royal Gazette, Dec 9/37, with Supplement & Postscript
[illegible], Nov 25 & Dec 2/37

2. Mr. [illegible] would have misapprehended something that passed between us on the subject of Ordination previously to his leaving England. The Bishop of London does not require our candidates for Holy Orders to write Latin; but he does still require that they should be able to read it. It may have said that in the circumstances in which the Missionaries of the Society in Jamaica are placed, their ministry being directed almost exclusively to the Coloured Population, the Bishop of Jamaica might possibly dispense altogether with a knowledge of Latin in our Catechists presented to him as Candidates in the Islands; but as we had no positive information on the subject, he not in fact not having the [illegible], we could not have expressed ourselves decidedly upon it. We think

should now be brought distinctly under the consideration of the Bishop of Jamaica, with a view to ascertain whether he might not be induced to dispense with the knowledge of Latin in Candidates of this class the sphere of whose future labours is intended to be the Coloured Population. The distinction between the case of these Candidates and those intended to officiate as the Parochial Clergymen of the Island appears to us to be so clearly marked, that we cannot but hope that his Lordship will see reason to recognise it. A distinction similar in principle has in fact been recognised by the Bishop of London in ordaining for the Society. It is the case of the Rev. John Hicks in Sierra Leone. He had, as you know, been employed for several years as a Catechist in the West Africa Mission. Having approved himself to the Committee in that capacity, his case was brought under the consideration of the Bishop of London when Mr Hicks was in England two or three years ago, and his Lordship received him as a Candidate and subsequently ordained him without his having any knowledge of Latin, expressly on the ground of the class of persons to whom he was to minister in Sierra Leone. The cases of Sierra Leone & Jamaica are so analogous that the same considerations which induced the Bishop of London to ordain Mr Hicks under the circumstances above stated may appear to the Bishop of Jamaica a sufficient ground for receiving the former as a Candidate without requiring of him the knowledge of Latin.

3. With reference to Resolution XII of the Corr. Comm. Oct. 16/57 respecting the terms on which Catechists were placed by the Comm. on Mr J.H. Wildman's Estates in Jamaica, we beg to refer you to Par. 10 of our Letter to the Rev. C.R. Dallas, Feb. 4/58 as follows:-

"10. With regard to par. 5 of your letter of the 20th of Dec. we beg to state that the terms of Mr Wildman's agreement with the Comm. relating to the employment of the Society's Catechists on his Properties, were that he should provide a house for the Catechist & provision him off the Estate". It was assumed that the advantages thus offered by Mr Wildman in kind were equal, in value, to the moiety of the expense of maintaining a Catechist in such a situation. The question of cost between the Comm. & Mr Wildman's Attorney is one of account. If Mr Wildman has in point of fact provided a house and furnished a subsistence off the Estate, it is clear, by the terms of the agreement, the Colony is not liable to be called upon for any money payment. If on the other hand what Mr. Wildman engaged to furnish in kind has not been supplied, the Colony is liable to be called upon for a money payment equal in amount to what may have been deficient in the stipulated supplies in kind. Mr. [illegible] calculated, at the time, that a salary of [illegible] pounds per annum, from the charity, in addition to the abovementioned provisions in kind to be supplied by Mr. Wildman, would suffice for the maintenance of a Married Catechist."

The above particulars will enable the Corr. Com.ee to arrange the matter of account with Mr. Wildman, referred to in the letter to Mr. [illegible] of [illegible].

4. We feel the force of your suggestion relative to a Superintendent for the erection of School houses; but have not here a suitable person to be proposed. The Corr. Com.ee will have the kindness to take such steps in reference to this subject as they may deem advisable and find practicable. We hope soon to receive a further report of the progress of the erection of the School houses, with full particulars concerning each.

5. Our late shipment will have supplied you largely with Teaching Books & Infant School Apparatus. Have the kindness to inform us whether the articles are such as you require and whether they sufficiently provide for your wants.

6. We are sorry that the Sermons applied for in your letter of [illegible] have not yet been sent. We hope to include them in our next shipment.

7. We are concerned to hear of Mrs. [illegible]'s indisposition. The course pursued in reference to it by the Corr. Com.ee appears to be such as the case called for. We shall be glad to find that the cool weather in conjunction with other means have been rendered effectual, through the Divine blessing, to re-establish her health.

8. Two sets of Communion Service were included in the shipment by the "Rawlins"

9. The Jamaica Packet has arrived this morning. We are much disappointed at not having received by it the Account Current of the Mission for the year 1837 & the Returns of the different Stations for the same period. The inconvenience to which we are subjected by the delay of the transmission of these Documents is really serious.

10. We should be glad to know whether the number of pupils of our

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publications now sent is sufficient. If not, please to inform us what additional number of each is required eventually to supply your wants. The number of the current year's Report which you request shall be forwarded.

11. We are glad to find that the Bishop has sanctioned the Rev. Voight's appointment to Brunswick as a Missionary of the Society. We enclose a copy of a letter from the Bishop to Mr. C. H. Clarke, of Jan. 6/38, on the subject, and also a correspondence between Mr. J. Darrell & Rev. G. Hill on the same subject. Our views respecting this arrangement were explained in par. 8. of our letter of Dec. 9/37. Below is copied a Resolution of our Comm. on the correspondence now transmitted:

12. We do not feel it requisite to enter into any detailed remarks on Mr. Latrobe's Report, but shall be glad to receive any which may occur to the Cor. Comm. as requisite to correct any errors into which Mr. Latrobe may have inadvertently fallen or which may serve to guide the Comm. in any future communications with Government on the subject. We apprehend the Comm. will not undertake the erection of any additional School houses, but they are most solicitous that those for the erection of which they have engaged should be completed as speedily as possible.

13. With regard to the conditions on which sites for the S. houses should be obtained some deviation from the course pursued has been sanctioned by Government, in consequence of Mr. Latrobe's Report. An Extract of a Letter from Sir George Grey on the subject, dated Jan. 6/38, is enclosed for the information & guidance of the Cor. Comm.

I remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours.

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House
April 2. 1838.

Rev W K Betts

Dear Sir,

Since the despatch of our last letter on the 16th ult. by packet, of which a duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from the Mission have reached us.-

Your letter of Jan. 1. 1838.
Min. of Sp. Meetings of Cor. Com., Jan. 17. 25, & 26/38.

Rev. W. K. Betts. April 2/38

Papers including Schedules &c. Jan/38.

Mr Orgill's letter to you, Jan 17/38.

Your letter to Mr Hill, Jan. 20/38.

Rev. H. L. Dixon's letter to you, Jan. 9/38

Rep.t of Exec. Comm., Dec. 12/37.

Particulars respecting Vaughansfield, by Mr Gillies.

2. We are surprised at the statements contained in your above mentioned letter relative to the Rev. T. Orgill. We had reason to suppose, and trust that the information on which we formed the opinion will prove not to be unfounded, that Mr Orgill's appointment to Swanswick would be an eligible one, & that he would probably not be indisposed to become so far connected with the C.M. Society as that appointment would involve. Our letter of the 15th ult. will have conveyed to you further information on this subject. We are aware that Mr O's. appointment to Swanswick on the terms arranged with the Bishop of Jamaica is a deviation from the principle on which the Society's Mission in Jamaica is conducted, & we wish the Comm.ee to regard it as an exception to the rule which is to govern their proceedings, & which is not to be drawn into a precedent in the general administration of the affairs of the Mission. Various reasons made the Comm.ee solicitous to provide for Swanswick, & the placing Mr Orgill there enabled them to do so without appropriating to it a Missionary sent out by the Society. It is too to be understood that in case Mr Orgill accepts the appointment to Swanswick on the terms arranged by the Bishop, he will stand in the actual relation to the Society in every other respects except that of being removable from his station by them.

3. We feel the force of the considerations which you suggest relative to the occupation of the Orchard Estate by the Society, & under the circumstances of the case should consider it decidedly unadvisable that the Society should incur any considerable expense in the erection of buildings. Should, however, the Proprietors be disposed to assign the Great House on the property for the residence of the

Catechist, & for School purposes, it might at once be occupied by Mr Taylor, as suggested in your letter.
~~Taylor, as suggested in your letter.~~

4. Under the circumstances which you state in Par. 10 of your letter respecting Coley, we are precluded from occupying it as a Station.

5. Your letter of Sept. 9th & its enclosures, duly reached us.

6. We are still without the Annual Account Current & Returns of the Mission for the year 1857.

7. We are much pained at the details relative to the conduct of Mr & Mrs Paul contained in the communications before us. Under the circumstances stated in the Rev. M. Dixon's letter to you of Jan. 9/58, we were not a little surprised that Mr Dixon should subsequently join in a request for Mr P. being continued in connexion with the Mission with a view to his being placed in some Station where his services might be useful." How it should be practicable to find a Station where Mr Paul could be expected to be useful if the statements respecting him in Mr Di. letter to you be correct we are utterly unable to conceive. We would suggest that it is for the Cor. Commee to consider whether the representations which have been addressed to them respecting Mr & Mrs Paul be correct, & if satisfied that they are so, to make arrangements for their immediate return to this country. It can neither promote the interests of the Society nor the welfare of the negroes to retain individuals in the character of religious teachers who are found, on trial, totally incompetent to the due discharge of the duties assigned to them.

8. A proposal had been made to the Committee by the Rev. G. H. Mason of Clarendon, through J. Mitchell, Esqr, to place a Clergyman in a Chapel about to be opened in his parish. This proposal the Commee have felt themselves obliged to decline for the reasons stated in the Resolution copied below. You will perceive that in that Resolution the Committee re assert the principle on which they judge it right to carry on the Society's Mission in Jamaica, though, for special

incident, they have deviated from that principle in the [illegible] Estate; as explained above.

I remain,
Dear Sir
Truly & affectly Yours,
D. Coates

Church Missionary House
July 2. 1838.

Revd W. K. Betts

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you under date of April 2/38, of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed, and have now to acknowledge the following communications from the Mission:–

Your Letters, Apl. 26, 27; May 10 & 17/38
Your Addresses to Apprentices, Aug & Xmas/37.
Reports from the Several Stations, Sept/37, & Dec/37
Return No 3 of Norm. School
Returns No 4 of the several Schools: Dec/37
Mr J. Cork's letter, April 24/38
Mr D. Seddon's letter to you, Jan 18/38
Min. of Corr. Comm., April 4 & 5/38.

2. There are several important topics in these communications which require notice; but on which it is impracticable for us to enter at present.

3. The course taken by the Corr. Comm. with a view to the regular auditing of the Account Current of the Mission, is one which we had intended to recommend to their adoption; the Accounts transmitted to us not indicating that this had been done. We presume that the omission arose out of the solicitude of Mr King to transmit the Accounts, which we had importunately called for, with as little delay as possible. The process of auditing the Accounts is however indispensable in all parts of the Society's expenditure, & that indeed not less for the satisfaction

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of the parties locally connected with it, than for the Committee at home.

4. By this ship, the "Hector", Capt. Freeman, the usual publications to the present date, including copies of the 38th Report, are forwarded, together with some packages on the private account of Individuals. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are forwarded to Mr King, to whom the consignment is made.

5. We cannot conclude this Letter, hasty as it is, without expressing our strong satisfaction at the regularity & fulness of your communications, as well as at the business-like form in which they are made. We are the more anxious thus to make our acknowledgments to you, as the business of the Secretaryship must have added heavily to your other burdens. The value however of these communications to the Comm^ee will we are sure compensate for the labour & time which you have given to the preparation of them.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly & affect^ly Yours,

D. Coates

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Church Missionary House

July 16. 1838.

Rev. Messrs Bernau & Youd

Dear Brethren,-

1. We have long been intending to address you in acknowledgment of your various communications since July 20/37, but have hitherto been prevented from doing so.

3. We sincerely sympathize with Mr. Youd under his late bereavement. May the Lord sanctify this privation of domestic comfort and graciously overrule it to the eternal spiritual gain & the ministry!

It afforded us satisfaction to learn that Mr. Youd had been deemed eligible by the Bishop of Barbados for admission to Priest's Orders. We trust that he may fully experience the Divine blessing on his labours in the enlarged sphere of usefulness to which he is thus introduced.

4. We think the Correspondts. have acted judiciously in limiting Mr. Youd's present journey into the interior to exploratory purposes. We should much doubt whether the very serious step of forming a Station in the interior would be well timed, to be decided until fuller & more accurate information than is at present possessed. The object itself however – an Indian Station in the interior – is one which the Comm. fully approve & wish to see carried into effect in due season. In the meantime we conceive that such a journey as that on which Mr. Y has, we conclude, already entered, will be the best preparation for the formation of it, if the advantages for obtaining full and authentic information which the journey will afford, be duly improved. Mr. Youd will of course report to the Correspts. the information which he may collect, with such explanations and suggestions as he may deem advisable, for the guidance both of them and the Parent Comm. as to the measures which may ultimately be adopted.

5. To Mr. Bernau we feel much indebted for the full communication of his views respecting the Indian Mission contained in his letter of Feb. 28/37.

6. Whether the Station at Bartica Point, or the particular points occupied by the Missionaries, be best suited to facilitate & promote the general objects of the Mission, it is not for us to determine here. This question will evidently be best settled by communication between yourselves & the Correspts. It is quite clear that nothing can compensate for insalubrity of situation; the success of the Mission depending mainly, under God, on the health & physical ability of the Missionary. If therefore Bartica Point be positively unhealthy, compared with other available situations, we should not be justified in retaining it. If its unhealthiness, supposing it to be so, be remediable; then the means of improving its salubrity should be employed without delay.

7. To what extent the proposal and [illegible] should be [illegible] to the Indian Station is likewise a question for adjustment with the Correspts. Our general

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principle we cannot object to it, [illegible] limited extent & for a limited period; but even this should be directed to the good of the Indians themselves and most carefully guarded & regulated so as to [illegible] to industry and not to minister to sloth and idleness.

8. It does not seem quite clear that the same language or dialect should be selected as the vehicle of conveying instruction to the Indians, and the study of that one diligently prosecuted. In order to make this selection properly, accurate information should be acquired of the nature of the different dialects, their relation to each other, and the extent to which they are severally spoken. Choice should, of course, be made, if such an one can be found, containing so much of that which may be regarded as the parent stock, and distinguished from those which are derivative. This is a subject of so much importance to the advantageous working of the Mission that time would be well employed in gaining accurate information upon it to guide and regulate your future proceedings.

9. It is long since we heard from Mr. [illegible]. His letters are so valuable that we the more regret the falling off of his correspondence. We hope that he will write fully & regularly.

With our prayers for you both, & for the fullness of the Divine blessing both on yourselves, those connected with you, and your labours,

We remain, Dear Brethren
Very truly yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
July 16. 1838.

Rev. Messrs Muhlhauser & Hekel

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the dispatch of our last Letter of March 9/38, the following communications from the Mission have reached us:

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's Letters, Jan. 15, Dec. 27, April 16, May 9 & May 25 /38.
Do. Correspondence with Mr. J. H. Williams.
Annual Lists of Communicants Dec. /37.
Mr. J. H. Williams' Letter, April 10 & May 9 /38 with Correspondence with Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser.
—— Do. —— Annual Report July to Dec. /37.
Returns of Trinidad Dec. /37.

1. The tidings of Mr Williams' death has deeply grieved us. It affected us the more sensibly as your letter which conveyed it arrived on the very day on which the Comm^ee were about to enter on an investigation of the painful differences which had arisen between you and Mr W. Under the circumstances disclosed in your letter of the 25th of May, the Comm^ee felt themselves relieved from the necessity of entering minutely into the case. It was very satisfactory to them to find that Mr Muhlhauser had been much with Mr Williams during his last days, and had ministered spiritual consolation to him under those solemn circumstances. And a great relief to our mind to know that there was this interchange of kind Christian feeling between him & Mr Williams before they were separated by death. We are strongly reminded by this melancholy event how important it is for those who belong to Christ to obey the emphatic precept with which the Apostle closes his Epistle to the Corinthian Church — "be of one mind, live in peace." Great indeed is the encouragement to Christians to pursue this course from the assurance immediately added — "and the God of love & peace shall be with you."

2. The Comm^ee have had under their consideration the conduct of Mr King in preaching at the Wesleyan Chapel. Copy of the Resolution which they adopted in consequence are copied below. These so fully explain the views of the Comm^ee that it is unnecessary for us to enlarge on the subject. Obvious as is the obligation on all connected with the Society to act conformably to their character as members of the Church of England it is a matter of extreme surprise how Mr King could be induced by any authorities, however earnest, to take the step in question. As however Mr King appears to have become sensible of his error the Comm^ee trust that he will in his future course strictly adhere in the discharge of his duties to the line prescribed to him by his connexion with the Church Missionary Society.

3. The Comm^ee have also adopted a Resolution expressive of their desire to place all persons connected with the Mission on fixed salaries and requesting you immediately to furnish them with the information requisite to enable them to decide on the proper amount for each class of Labourers. In order that they may form their judgment aright on this question you will have the kindness to put them fully in possession of all particulars of your necessary expenditure to guide them in doing so. You will bear in mind that the principle of [illegible]

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the apportionment of salary is governed is that each class of labourers receives as much as is requisite to procure their health & to enable them efficiently to discharge their duty with strict regard to economy.

5. The Com.ee are feeling some uneasiness at the large amount of expenditure in the Trinidad Mission. You will perceive that in the last year its amount on the aggreg. exclusive of expenditure at home, amounted to £ 3357. 2. 11. This is a sum far beyond its estimated cost. The Com.ee are at present engaged in a revision of this branch of expenditure, as well as of that of every other department, in pursuance of a Paragraph to that effect in the last Annual Report. You will of course be apprised of the result so far as Trinidad is concerned as soon as they shall have completed their investigation. In the meantime we earnestly urge the utmost care in regulating every branch of your expenditure, especially in all that relates to the erection of buildings.

6. The Com.ee have set apart a Catechist for the Trinidad Mission, who will, we expect, come out married. He will sail (D.V.) in the course of October. Whether the Com.ee will be able to render any additional assistance to the Mission this year we know not. Should it be in their power you will receive timely notice of it.

7. With reference to the use of the Church Catechism in the Schools we can only refer you to what is stated on this subject in par. [illegible] of our Letter of Mar. 9/38. The rule would naturally be to use it in the Society's Schools and the carrying on a School where it was not used would form an exception to a recognized general rule. Such exceptional cases must be decided on in each instance as they arise; and the decision will of course be governed by the particular circumstances applicable to the case.

With kind regards to all our friends, We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
July 14. 1838.

Rev L Strong

My dear Sir

1. Your letter of April 30/38 duly reached us.

2. We have sympathized with you in the loss of your brother in law & fellow-helper, Mr Williams. The Lord is a Sovereign; but though He giveth no account of

His creatures," yet "He doeth all things well," in His dealings with His people. May we, by every dispensation of His Providence, be quickened in running the race set before us!

3. We think the Cor. Comee acted judiciously in their limitation of the Rev. T. Youd's proceedings in reference to the interior. We shall be glad to receive his report of his journey, with such remarks as the Cor. Comee may think requisite, previously to the adoption of any plan for occupying a Station in the interior. You will observe what we have said on this & other topics in a letter to the Rev. Messrs Bernau & Youd of this day's date.

4. We are thankful for your kind attention to economy in the erection of Schoolhouses — a point of much consideration notwithstanding the large increase of income with which the Society has been favored within the last year. May it please God to be with those who shall be engaged in giving instruction in the schools, that by their instrumentality Spiritual blessings may be largely dispensed to the scholars.

With kind regards to Mrs Strong, & our prayers that all grace may abound toward you,

We remain,
My dear Sir
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. CMS
Church Missionary House
July 28. 1838.

Rev W. K. Betts

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 2. Inst. by the "Hibernia," of which letter a duplicate is enclosed. Since it was despatched the following communications from the Mission have come to hand:—

Your letter of June 9/38
Minutes of Provincial Com. May 25/38
Jamaica Ann. Report 1838.

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Reports of the several Stations: March/38.
Rev. J. F. Phillips's Journal, Jan–Mar./38
Mr. Bellis's Journal, Jan–Mar./38
Rev. W. J. Woodcock's Journal, Feb–Mar./38
Rev. [illegible] Letter, March/38.

2. Since we last wrote Mr. Robert Taylor has called upon us relative to the Society occupying his property at Lucky Valley, as a Missionary Station, and which is referred to in par. 9 of your letter of April 27/38. We understand that the erection of a suitable building to be used for School instruction and Public Worship would cost about £800 currency. Of that sum £200 have been subscribed, we believe, by the Vestry & as much more by Individuals in the neighbourhood; the outlay required of the Society would therefore be inconsiderable. As you consider Lucky Valley an eligible situation, its claims should not be lost sight of by the Corr. Comm^ee. The Government are so solicitous that the Parliamentary Grant should be rendered available to the religious instruction of the people with the least possible delay, that, should difficulties arise in some districts occupying any Station already fixed upon, and similar difficulties not exist in the case of Lucky Valley, it will be following out the views of Government to occupy Lucky Valley in preference to a Station the immediate occupation of which is precluded by the difficulties referred to. The Corr. Comm^ee will have the kindness to consider this as a general direction, with regard to all the proceedings of the Corresp^g Committee in occupying Stations by means of the Parliamentary Grant.

3. We have no prospect of sending out any additional Missionary or Catechist to Jamaica this year. Indeed our expenditure in Jamaica has risen so high that the Committee must contemplate a reduction rather than an increase of our establishment there, unless local resources are supplied in relief of the Society's funds, to a much larger extent than heretofore.

4. We were glad to learn that the Bishop of Jamaica had considered Mr. Seddon eligible for admission to Holy Orders. May his future course be answerable to the solemn engagements contracted on entering into the sacred office.

5. The statements relative to Mr. Seddon's expenses have given us much concern. We cannot disconnect what is now stated from what formerly occurred, and it leaves the painful impression that there is a

dency to expensiveness in Mr. [illegible] habits incompatible with his situation as a Missionary & with the Committee's obligations in the administration of the Society's funds. All that we can now do is to request the Cor. Com. to regulate the salaries & allowances to all the Teachers whether Clerical or Lay, on the clear principle of making due provision for their health and usefulness, in an economical manner. The details in applying this principle, depending on circumstantial information in matters of detail, turning on local considerations must be left to the Cor. Com. to decide. This indeed is one principal part of the object contemplated in the formation of the Cor. Com.ee

6. The Rev. R. [illegible] ill health continues to disqualify him for Missionary employment. He is much embarrassed by not having received the Bishop's Testimonials which the Rev. R. Parker, we understood, had promised to procure for him. Have the kindness to apply to the Bishop immediately for the requisite Papers to enable him to hold a Curacy in England, and transmit them to us by the first Packet after you obtain them.

7. We have communicated to the Comm.ee of the Wesleyan Miss.y Society a copy of your letter to the Chairman of their Society in Jamaica of Jan 3/38. They had previously received no information on the subject. They will now investigate the matter, and we believe that they are disposed to do what the circumstances of the case may require.

8. We have not yet had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Committee on the proposal of the Cor. Com. to constitute all Ordained Missionaries members of the Cor. Com.ee The reasons urged for the adoption of this decision are of weight, and will, we are persuaded, receive due attention from the Comm.ee as soon as we shall be able to bring the matter before them.

9. We were much interested by the relation contained in your letter of Feb. 17/38 of the Meeting of our Missionaries at Kingston for the furtherance of the spiritual objects of the Mission. Such a Meeting duly improved affords a very advantageous opportunity of interchanging information, views, & ideas calculated under the Divine blessing to unite you more closely to each other and to promote your mutual efficiency.

10 We think the arrangement made by the Cor. Com. relative to their pecuniary transactions very satisfactory and such as the extent of their present operations call for. The appointment too of Mr. Payne as

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your assistant is an arrangement which the state of the Mission calls for and which will, we anticipate, promote the efficient transaction of business, as well as afford you relief in a department in which you especially needed it.

6 Pray keep us promptly informed of the progress, and of all details connected with the erection of School houses aided by the Parliamentary Grant, their size, number of Scholars, teachers, &c.

We remain, dear Sir
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. Ord

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Church Missionary House,
London, July 31st 1838.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Letter of the 15th of January last. Enquiry was immediately made by us as to the particulars of the irregularity of the two Catechists, Messrs King & Redford, at the time of their landing in Trinidad: in attending the Service at the Wesleyan Chapel, & in part assisting at the same.

The Committee desire me to state their regret at the fact referred to, & Messrs King & Redford have been made acquainted our feelings in regard to this irregularity. We sincerely trust that they will not again fall into a fault of this nature.

The Committee very sensibly feel your Lordship's kindness in suggesting that the Missionaries & Catechists proceeding from this Society to your Lordship's Diocese, should first present themselves at Barbados: and they will be happy, when circumstances recommending a different course do not occur to put their Missionaries into so advantageous a method of enjoying the benefit of your Lordship's counsel & friendly guidance.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. faithful Servt.
William Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
Aug. 15. 1838.

Rev. W. K. Betts.

Dear Sir,

We wrote to you on the 28th ult. by Packet, of which letter a duplicate is enclosed. Since then the following are the only communications from Jamaica which have reached us:-

Mr. J. Pollitt's

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Mr. J. Cork's letter, July 7/38.

2. Our object in writing at present is to advise you of a shipment by the Scotsman, which takes this. It includes the usual Publications to the present date. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are inclosed.

I remain,

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

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Church Missionary House,

Sept. 8, 1838.

J King Esq

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I hand you Invoice & Bill of Lading of Supplies, shipped per the "Jackson", Captn. Jackson, which we consign to you as usual, requesting you kindly to have them properly distributed.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

William Jowett

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House, London,

Oct. 2. 1838.

Dear Brother Mühlhauser,

You will perceive by the present arrival of more Catechists that we are endeavouring to strengthen your hands in Trinidad. But our strength is not in numbers: small indeed is our band, compared with that of the Romanists in your Island. Our strength must consist in the word of God, in prayer in faith. The weapons of our warfare are spiritual. It is spiritual work that we have to do. You, I am persuaded, feel this. If we look at outward circumstances, we shall soon be discouraged: more than this, we shall be harassed, & begin to faint. But this must not be, in the cause of God: and the way to prevent it, is, to lay hold in prayer & to keep fast hold of those weapons which are prepared for us to war with. You will see some encouraging views for your present engagements in Jeremiah 23; 25-29. The enmity of men's hearts against the pure truth has ever been the same, & their attempts to pervert it by "lies" of human invention have always marked a corrupt state of the Church. Jeremiah was a weeping, a down-cast prophet: I do not imagine that your natural feelings lead you that way. Still, there are times & seasons in which the most ardent feel themselves amazed at their little success, & sad at the view of abounding corruptions around them. At such seasons, faith in the power of God, accompanying the Gospel, needs to be strengthened. "What "is the chaff to the wheat?" Sow a bushel of chaff, & no fruit will spring up: sow a single grain of wheat, & it shall bring forth thirty, or sixty, or an hundred fold — & each one of that hundred another hundred making ten thousands

And so on, year after year, though the sower knows not how the growth takes place.

The new civil condition of the population of the West Indies is a wonderful event, & must produce consequences inconceivably important. I have been thinking, What is it my duty in such circumstances to say to my Missionary brethren? I had better say little; only let that little be Scriptural. First, remember that the office of a Missionary is not to be "a judge or a divider" (Luke 12;14.) 'Go thou, & preach the kingdom of God.' Especially, preach to all Classes the evangelical law of love: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour": —(you are all now, neighbours in the fullest sense):— "Therefore 'love is the fulfilling of the law."

I beg my kind remembrance to Mrs. Muhlhauser. May you both have an increase of grace & of blessing!

Yours affectionately Wm. Jowett.

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Church Missionary House,
Oct. 2nd 1838.

Dear Brother Muhlhauser,

I had but just written my letters this morning to you & our other Brethren in Trinidad, when your Letters of Aug. 3 & 22. were put into my hand. They are indeed most affecting, from the picture they hear of the dreadful effects of the fever raging among you. Your latest tidings give us a glimmering hope of Mr King - how fondly do we cling to hope! My mind recurs to those touching expressions in the Song of Hannah "The Lord killeth & "maketh alive, &c." I have but a moment to write to day, yet I would not let the time pass without seizing the opportunity to add my most affectionate sympathy with you all. Believe me Ever yours,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, Oct. 2. 1838.

Dear Brother Eckel,

This letter will go in company with an increased number of labourers for your Island: two male, & two female in the department of Catechists. They will of course have many things to learn: & you, & our Br. Muhlhauser will in part have it in charge to lead them into the knowledge of their duties. Do this in love & wisdom, & then I hope, that whichever of them shall be your fellow-labourers, you will find them real helps to you. Truth & love are strong bands: nothing can

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break them, not even Popery. You have great need of these two: doubtless you feel your need of them daily: in proportion as your want leads you to prayer, they shall be bestowed upon you in richest abundance. You serve Christ Jesus, who is a God of Truth, & a God of love: He will not leave you comfortless if you wait on Him. All enemies of his word He can & will silence, though He may for a long time try the faith & patience of his servants. Be steadfast therefore & unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. In due season you shall reap, if you faint not.

The new circumstances in which you are now being placed, by the entire emancipation of the population of the West Indies cannot but produce in the course of time results the most important. I have been thinking what is my duty in the few remarks which I may make to my brethren in your sphere. What I have to say is short & I hope Scriptural: indeed it shall be in the very terms of Scripture. Remember first that the office of a Minister of the Gospel is not that of "a judge or a divider." (Luke 12; 14.) Leave worldly matters to those to whom they appertain: but "go thou & preach the kingdom of God." Still, bearing in mind that now you are all in a new & remarkable sense neighbours, inculcate on all the evangelic laws of love. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." I cannot but think that if you follow up these considerations, you & the

Wm King, Oct 2/38

Missionary brotherhood will be a blessing
in the midst of the land, & you will
yourselves be blessed in your own souls.

Believe me affectionately yours
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London.
October 2. 1838.

Dear Mr King,

Before entering on any other matters, let me dispatch a duty, which is never a pleasant one, although it may be a needful one — I mean, that of animadversion. I believe our Missionary Brethren in Trinidad have fully stated to you the displeasure which the Bishop felt, & with the best reason, at your primary steps on arriving in Trinidad. I have not yet mentioned to you that our Committee view it in the same light as did the Bishop; & I have consequently written to his Lordship some time ago, expressing our concern at the fact, & our persuasion that he will not have again to complain of a similar circumstance among our Missionary Labourers. I now state the same to you; & am convinced that you have long since seen the duty & the necessity of being observant of Church-order.

We owe love to all, especially to those whom we believe to be (though of other Denominations) yet of the household of faith. But we do not owe to them public co-operation in their plans; — we have plans

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of our own, fully to accomplish which will occupy all our energies & all our time. I have no doubt that you, for one, have your hands full.

Passing now to another subject, I am quite at a loss to conceive how it is that you have got an impression of my having said that you were to write short letters. It has occurred to me that I may in conversation have casually advised you to write us a letter, however short, announcing your arrival. But the rule, & my own recommendation, lie just the other way. Full letters, long letters (only not crossed, for my eyes are no longer young) — this is what I write again & again to my Missionary correspondents. Pray tell Mr Redford & all others so. In consequence of this mistake, I scarce know what you are doing, though I doubt not you are labouring much. Pray, now, take pen in hand, & kindly write me full & long letters.

As the new condition of all the population around you must bring with it very important future consequences, I am anxious to put in a word as a guide to you in your communications with all classes of society. There is one text of Scripture which I should recommend to you — (as I have done to our other Brethren) — as the sure & safe topic in all your conversations: it is, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the "fulfilling of the law. Love, set forth in word & in deed, will work blessings beyond measure for the people around you. You are not a judge or a divider: but a counsellor of peace & good-will.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely, Wm Jowett.

Wm. J. Bedford, Oct. 2. 1838

Church Missionary House, London,
Octr. 2. 1838.

Dear Mr. Bedford,

When I write to any of our Missionary Labourers, who are on the point of being married, I generally am very short in my communication; because I suppose them to have, for a time, ears, eyes, & heart, only for one object. As this is now your case, & the bearer of my letter will be the person whom you are about to make the companion of your future labours, joys & trials, I will only remind you of one or two of those maxims which married people never repent of attending to. Be one in Christ Jesus: submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God: Do not expect too much of one another: Bear, & forbear. - Much more I could add, of the same kind: but let this suffice as your stock to begin with. You will not easily mend these old-fashioned rules.

In your Catechetical labours you will already have learned, from the circumstances attending the commencement of them, the duty of ~~all~~ giving heed to Church-Order. Not only is this incumbent on you; but you will effect a greater result in the end by being observant of this principle. In regard to the new state of things, arising from the emancipation of the Negroes, you will do well to keep yourself close to your own religious

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office, abstaining from interference in secular matters. There is one rule for all, of every degree, which you may safely cleave to, both in example & in precept. It is, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Dwell on this topic as freely & as faithfully as you please. It tends, through the grace of our God & Saviour, to make all men truly neighbours.

I remain, Very sincerely Yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 3rd 1838.

Dear Brother Betts,

I very gladly attend to your summons again to write to you: because it shews me that my letters are welcome. You give them an echo, & thus encourage me to continue. It is not so with all my correspondents: some of them seem to have little talent for response. It is well that we should stir up one another; for in divine things, the tendency of our nature is to flag. Meanwhile, at what a rate is iniquity working on every side: here is no dullness, no torpor, no inactivity. And more than this at what a rate is the world moving on! The recent great event of the total emancipation of the West Indian population will cause the Social Body to move on with such accelerated velocity, that the mind scarcely can conceive what in a few years shall be. We hope that all shall be well that God has purposes of mercy for that long injured race, & that he will not suffer liberty to be used for a cloke of maliciousness. It is, however, a serious crisis; & it is natural for me to reflect, what word of counsel can I give to my brethren at this moment. To you, & to each of our Missionaries, I am more than ever constrained to say, Preach them the kingdom of God. The Gospel is, alone, the power of God unto salvation alike to bond & free. Human Nature is not regenerated by human legislation. We have indeed a very fashionable doctrine abroad among us, that Education is to regenerate the world. But any one that knows only so much as the A.B.C. of Christianity knows that this is only one of the forms of the old temptation, "Ye shall be as gods." It seems to me that as Liberty & Knowledge are now giving scope to man it is in the highest degree a necessary & an urgent duty for Ministers of the Gospel to enlarge on the subject of what Man is is by Nature & what by Grace Man may be. Let nothing external drive you & your friends from this point the doctrine of the good old school; & let nothing internal in the Church bewilder you, while fully exhibiting the simple doctrines of free grace in Christ. There is another hint which seems just thrown out, the importance at this crisis of Missionaries not setting up for a judge or a divider (Luke 12; 14.) The one text on which I would, both to Master & Servant or Labourer, now continually quote, should be, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love "is the fulfilling of the law."

With my kind remembrances to Mrs. Betts believe me,
Yours affectionately Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 3rd 1838.

Dear Brother Woodcock

Though I do not seem as yet to have formed any very distinct idea of your engagements & hopeful prospects in your new sphere, your Journals not being as yet before us, yet I suppose you to have fully enough to do, & to be heartily engaged in your work. I would earnestly desire, however, that your communications should put this fact before us in a tangible form; & as you have had longer experience than others in the field of the world, so it is natural to look for more especially both in labour & in description. There is one thing in which I can fully enter into your feelings: you must have witnessed so much of the deceptive character of persons coming forward with religious professions, that you may feel rather shy of speaking of them, lest you should be saying too much. I would however guard you against carrying this too far. We must not be perpetually acting on the cautious & the defensive plan. What I mean is — Lay hold of men's hearts; shew them your own Christian kindness of heart; if they sometimes deceive you overcome evil with good, & in every thing shew them that you are determined with your own heart to work on their hearts. It is so easy to be disheartened, & give up a work for hopeless; & climate & former experience may so co-operate to dispirit you, that I can easily imagine you sometimes falling into a low way of estimating the good you are engaged in: and when this sort of temptation besets a Missionary he readily falls into the notion that his Journals will be nothing worth.

The present crisis is one which calls for a revival among all our Missionaries, that they may with redoubled spirituality, intelligence & devotedness help to work out the great office of their Ministry among the people. It is a time now, as much as ever it was, to stand aloof from secular or political questions — "who made me a judge or a divider?" (Luke 12; 14.) the pure Gospel is your great & only weapon. And in all your intercourse with men of various degrees, all with the word Liberty upon their lips, your business must be to inculcate the evangelic Law of Love. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

I beg my kind remembrances to Mrs Woodcock, & remain, Affectionately Yours, [illegible]

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Church Missionary House, London.
October 3rd 1838.

Dear Brother Corner,

I sincerely rejoiced to hear by our last Letters, that you had in the providence of God, been called to a higher degree, & that you had received holy Orders in our Church. Advancement works a different & opposite work on different hearts: the proud it makes more proud & self-confident; the humble it makes more humble & self-distrustful. David is an eminent instance of this latter disposition: (1 Chron. 17:16.) Indeed every true child of God endeavours to attain this grace of lowliness; & to help him in it our heavenly Father sends needed chastisements when he sees any one of us slow in learning humility.

As you have now more to do, that is to say work of a more spiritual & responsible nature, there will be more need than ever for prayer & watchfulness over your own spirit; not imagining that the sacred office is to adorn you, but that it be your labour to adorn it. The grace of meekness is one of the chief ornaments of Christian men & women; may you & your wife attain it, & be clothed with humility.

I would add, moreover, do not regard former duties as in any way beneath you; especially the training of those boys, whose characters you continually send us. Those Characteristics help us much in

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forming a judgment of the work going on: they look up, in you as well as in us, the spirit of the thing.

In reference to the mighty change now taking place in the civil condition of the people of the West Indies I perceive that you will have need to unite the wisdom of the serpent with the simplicity & harmlessness of the dove. It will be well now for our Missionaries specially to study that verse, Luke 12, 14. "Who made me &c"? In all your intercourse with the various ranks of persons that may come to you for counsel, let this be your constant theme – 'Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.' If love rules, all will settle down well.

Believe me, Yours affectionately
Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 4th 1838.

Dear Brother Lessing

I readily comply with your request that I should write a few lines to support your fainting spirits. You feel yourself placed in a dilemma in reference to your desire to obtain Episcopal Ordination, by means of which your usefulness in Jamaica would be augmented. To remove the difficulties is not in my power: my few remarks shall be grounded on the supposition that they are not removed. (If they are, you will of course lay my letter on one side, as being superfluous). But supposing that they are not removed can you not then regard them as coming from the Lord. He uses secondary causes: but it is by his special permission that every hindrance to our desires occurs: & He is to be adored as infinitely wise, yea & infinitely kind in what He withholds, as in what He gives. He sometimes disappoints in things ~~not~~ which are not only lawful but very desirable. This is not caprice, but depth of counsel: & it is a call to us, to walk more than ever by faith, not by sight. The first practical consideration which I would suggest (for what I have hitherto set before you may rather be called doctrinal & experimental) is, Reflect how much good you can do even with the more limited office you will hold, if not episcopally ordained. You have talents & opportunities, which many would view with a sort of holy envy: to train the young, to speak the word of exhortation, to conduct social worship — this is a great sphere. If it be not five talents, yet neither is it so low as one: call it two talents: trade with it & gain other two, & bless the Lord, who divideth to every man severally as He will.

I think, dear brother, your health often suffers. You complain of your head &c. Now this is a point to be guarded against; because not only does it diminish the power of labour, but it takes away from the cheerfulness of our devotion. Study health. You are not a beginner. You have long known in Africa what a tropical climate is. Apply your experience, & seek by God's blessing to promote your bodily health in such a way as that it may best subserve the work in your hands.

The present crisis calls for renewed activity, & for great prudence & simplicity in all Missionary proceedings. Not to be a judge or a divider (see Luke 12; 14.) appears to me a caution suitable to your present duties. Another hint which I give to all to whom I am now writing is, that in their conversations with persons of every degree they should constantly aim at one point, namely, to inculcate the law of evangelic love: 'Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: wherefore love is the fulfilling of the law.'

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Spring, believe me
Yours affectionately,
Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 4th 1838.

Dear Mr. Pollitt,

Though your own communications are but brief, yet we hear that God is blessing your work. We should be happy to learn this more in detail, for a general expression conveys only a general & therefore somewhat unsatisfactory idea. Let me help to draw out your facts by a few questions: What youths are taking in knowledge? What kind of knowledge or learning do any of them excel in? What proofs do they give of love for the Bible? What evidences of a spirit of prayer? What influence for good is exercised by any senior boys over the rest! This last I consider as a very weighty point, & it suggests the importance of putting such elder youths into the way of becoming exemplary & influential: not putting them forward, which is the sure way to endanger very hopeful prospects of their future usefulness — the way, in fact, to lift them up with pride, & cast them into the condemnation of the devil. Still — those who have received any benefit should impart it to others. What good work also is Mrs Pollitt favoured in doing among the females? She had acquirements which would enable her to do more than others: & therefore we shall be glad to learn how her labours succeed: perhaps she will write me a letter of facts. You see I have suggested sufficient materials for letters from you both.

In the present important crisis it is peculiarly needful that you should labour with zeal & alacrity and at the same time with prudence & discretion. Not to entangle yourself with secular but especially with political matters is now, as much as ever it was, your wisdom. You are not sent out to be a judge & a divider. (Luke 12:14.) In all that comes before you, let this one text be your continual topic. Love "worketh no ill to his neighbour: "therefore love is the fulfilling of "the law." Of all persons, of every

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desire, come into the spirit of that purpose, they will be neighbours indeed.

Believe me to remain,
Very sincerely yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House London,
October 5th 1858.

Dear Brother Dixon,

I must say to your commendation that you are one of those who give us full Journals & letters. I always know whereabouts you are in your work: & this promotes a spirit of sympathy & brotherly interest. I observe that you are liable to fluctuations in your numbers, & in the apparent success of your work: this is to be expected; but then every man of experience knows, & you know it full well, that our success is not to be measured by occasional impulses, or by the seeming prosperity that attends any particular measure: but by the tenor of many years' labour, & sometimes by results almost imperceptibly produced. So it has generally been in the Church, & will probably with few exceptions, still be. Slow growth, sure growth. – I may here just mention that the subject of those numerous baptisms, performed by Mr Seddon, has not yet been before our Committee; but for my own part I cannot refrain from observing that the greatest caution is needed in a matter of this sort. And in fact our Church has distinctly pointed out what

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care is to be had in the preparation of Adult Candidates for that Holy Sacrament. — There is the greater need now for the exercise of a wise judgment, as the time is arrived, so long looked for, when all are free. The eye of the Public will now be more intently fixed on Missionaries & Ministers of the Gospel, than ever. For on them, even while carefully abstaining from all interference in secular matters, will much depend the love of equity, order, & industry. To be a judge or a divider (Luke 12; 14.) is not your office. But on Christian principles ever be holding forth to all of every degree this topic — "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." May you, dear brother, be abundantly blessed, both in winning souls to Christ & also in helping to make men good — because truly Christian — neighbours one with another!

With kind remembrance to Mrs Dixon, believe me to remain

Affectionately yours,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, October 5. 1838.

Dear Mr Cork,

Though we have a general view of you as labouring cheerfully in your Missionary sphere, yet we have not as yet such particular

Journals, as would enable me to enter fully & minutely into the circumstances of your early-commenced life. Pray let us be favoured as early as practicable with some full details of your engagements, with their trials & successes. I shall then know how to write to you.

Believe me, those letters of yours which referred to the subject of marriage awakened in me much concern & sympathy. Such a sudden termination of the matter, however, must I suppose have surprised you as well as us. Most likely, now that you can calmly review the whole, you are led to see a particular Providence watching over you in this affair. With a partner holding such extreme opinions, is it probable that you could have been either very useful or very happy! It is well that the discovery was made, & by herself too, in such good time: may the same good Providence watch over you, whether you be intending to take, or to abstain from taking, any considerable step. Yea may our kind God & Saviour watch over you in the minutest matters!

The present remarkable changes in the

relations of Society in the West Indies, calls on your part for the exercise of much discretion. Your truest wisdom is, to follow up simply & steadily your religious plans; to beware of becoming in any degree a judge or a divider; (see Luke 12; 14.) And there is one text which I am repeating to all our Brethren: it is this— "Love worketh no ill to his "neighbour: therefore love is the "fulfilling of the law." Press that on the hearts of all, that they may indeed live as neighbours, in the fear & love of God.

I remain, Very sincerely Yours,

Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House, London
October 5. 1838.

Dear Mr Paul,

I have not for some time written to you; & the reason will naturally occur to you, as you were moving from station to station, with some uncertainty as to what might be the result. I do most earnestly hope that you have felt the eye of both the Committee in Jamaica, & ours in England, to be upon you. We desire the best for you & your family — and that best is, that you may live soberly, righteously & godly in this present evil world — giving no occasion of reproach — being exemplary for zeal, laboriousness, patience, gentleness — that you may have the Spirit of Christ dwelling & abiding within you — that you may not grieve that Spirit — that you may, both in the family & in the Mission, walk as having the eye of God constantly looking on you.

The present crisis in the West Indies is one that peculiarly calls on you & all our Missionary band, to be wise as serpents, & harmless as doves — not interfering in worldly matters — for who made any of you a judge or a divider, (Luke 12;14.)? Constantly press this text on the minds of those with whom you have to do, & let it be well written on your own heart — 'Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.'

Believe me to remain, Yours most sincerely,
Wm. Jowett.

The Rev. C. A. Heurtley,
Wardington nr. Banbury.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 5. 1838.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

Your Letter of the 3rd Inst., mentioning the reception of Mr. Yates' circular by the frien of the Banbury & N. Oxf.shire C.M. Association, has been read to our Committee; who have desired me to state in reply that the Circular referred to has been & still is under their most serious consideration; & that they are taking measures, safely & effectually to remove the prejudice that might be created by it in the minds of persons acquainted imperfectly with the case. When the result is come to it shall be duly communicated to you for the information of your Committee. I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully
Wm Jowett.

Church Miss.y House,
October 8. 1838.

Rev. Mess.rs Eckel & Muhlhauser

Dear Brethren,

1. Our last letter to you was under date of July 10/38, of which a Duplicate is enclosed. We have now to acknowledge the following communications from you:-

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's letter of June 13/38, with Correspondence with the Bishop & others-
July 11/38, Aug. 3 & Aug. 22/38.
——— Acct. Curr.t to June 30/38.
Rev. A. E. Eckel's letter, July 4/38.
Mr. F. Redford's letter, Mar. 31/38.
Mr. S. Kerg's Acct. Curr.t Dec/37 to June/38.
Return of Schools at San Fernando, June/38.

2. We have deeply sympathized with you in the trials which you have been called to pass through by the severe & dangerous illness of different members of the Mission. Your last letter encourages the hope that

Mr King might be spared to you. May it please God to confirm the hope, & by these afflictions to draw you all nearer to Himself, & produce in you all in larger measure those fruits of the Spirit which are by Jesus Christ to His glory & praise!

3. Our last letter prepared you to expect the arrival of another Catechist. To him, Mr Thomas Gilbert, this letter is given in charge. He comes out married, as we intimated he would. In consequence of the death of Mr Williams, the Comm.ee have also appointed another Catechist to Trinidad, Mr Ephraim John E. Hawkins, who accompanies Mr Gilbert. Mr Hawkins is unmarried. He was formerly employed in connexion with the City Mission; but for the last six months has been connected with the Rev. James Hough, a member of the Committee, as a Lay-assistant in his parochial district. A copy of the Committee's Instructions to Mess.rs Gilbert & Hawkins is enclosed. You will perceive that it is their view that Mr Gilbert should be associated with Mr Muhlhauser, & Mr Hawkins with Mr Eckel; subject, however, to an alteration of this arrangement should circumstances exist which induce you to concur in changing it. The Committee are encouraged to hope that these friends will be found humble & diligent helpers to you in your labours.

4. Agreeably to Mr Redford's request Miss Fox comes out at the same time, with the view to the completion of her matrimonial engagement with him. May they prove helpers to each other in their future course!

5. We regret to find that obstacles are still opposed to the completion of the grant of land for the use of the Mission, as originally made. We hope to find an

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early opportunity of communicating with Lord Glenelg on the subject.

6. We had hoped to see more scholars in your schools. Be so good as to explain the cause of the number being so small.

With kind regards to Mr Muehlhauser & Mr Williams,

I remain,
Dear Brethren,
Very sincerely Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. CMSoc.

Instructions of the Committee to Mr Thomas Gilbert and Mrs Gilbert, Mr Ephraim J. C. Hawkins, and Miss Fox, on occasion of their departure to Trinidad. Delivered October 8. 1838.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord -

It is with feelings of sympathy and lively interest, that the Committee meet you dear brethren & sisters, on the eve of your departure to the scene of your future labours in Trinidad. The State of society at the present moment throughout the West Indies is calculated to excite at once feelings of grateful thankfulness to Almighty God that the System of slavery, which so long & so heavily oppressed the coloured population, is wholly at an end, & of solicitude that this great & happy change may issue in the manner most conducive to the real welfare & advantage of all the parties interested in it. To secure this object, so deeply important, the influence of the Gospel, is, under the divine blessing, the only sure guarantee. Be it then, dear brethren, your care & labor to advance this great object to the utmost of your power, within the sphere appropriated to you as Lay Teachers. Much is within your reach, if with humility, patience, faith, & prayer, & in a spirit of meekness & love, you follow out the duties assigned to you. To teach in Schools, — to catechise children & adults in the Word of God — to visit the sick & afflicted at their homes — to watch constantly over the children under your charge, with parental solicitude — in order to promote their spiritual profit — to exemplify your instructions in your whole life, spirit, & conversation: these are the means which it behoves you to use for the good of the now enfranchised population, & in the use of which your labour will surely not be in vain in the Lord. To this one object — the spiritual profit of the people — your whole study, time, & strength, will be directed. With the politics of this world, you, as Catechists of this Society, have no concern beyond that of inculcating obedience & subordination, order & industry, so that by fruits like these, it may be unequivocally shown that those whom you ~~are~~ instruct are become Christ's freemen. May it please Him with whom is the residue of the spirit, to vouchsafe to you all those supplies of wisdom & grace which may enable you to approve yourselves to Him, & to glorify Him in the whole of your future course!

You will, in the discharge of your duties, act under the superintendence & direction of the ordained Missionary with whom you may be respectively placed. To prevent inconvenience on your arrival out, it is the view of the Comee that you, Mr Gilbert, should be placed in connexion with the Rev. J. G. Muehlhauser, & you, Mr Hawkins, with the Rev. A. C. Eckel, unless the Missionaries should see reasons, from circumstances not within the knowledge of the Committee, to concur in adopting a different arrangement respecting your location. In that event it is the wish of the Comtee that you should act in conformity with their directions on this point.

It is the hope & expectation of the Comtee that you, Mrs Gilbert, & you, Miss Fox, will find abundant opportunities of engaging in the interesting work of training up children in the way wherein they should go. The Comtee especially recommend the formation of Infant Schools, & the instruction of the children collected in them, to your charge. This is a sphere of usefulness peculiarly suitable to your sex, as it is also found by experience to be well adapted to the character & circumstances of the Negro children.

The Missionaries will provide what may be necessary in the way of outfit, in addition to that which you take with you. They also will arrange relative to your residence, & all necessary supplies; & from them you will receive the pecuniary supplies to meet your necessary expenses.

It is the wish of the Committee that you should each keep a Journal of your proceedings, made up to March 31st, June 30th, Sept. 30th & Dec. 31st, & transmit it to them through the Missionaries immediately after the expiration of ~~this~~ each quarter.

The sum of £20 is placed in the hands of Mr Gilbert to meet any expenses to which you may be subjected after leaving London. For the expenditure of this money you will account to the Rev. Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel, & pay over to them any balance which may remain, after defraying the expences incurred on your landing in Trinidad.

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The Committee wish you to proceed to your Stations with as little delay as may be, after your arrival at Port of Spain.

The Committee wish you on the voyage to avail yourselves of every suitable opportunity for promoting the spiritual profit of those with whom you sail. You will be supplied with Bibles, Prayer Books & tracts for the use of the Crew. It will be necessary, however, for you to bear in mind that you can only hold intercourse with the Crew for administering religious instruction to them, with the sanction of the Captain. This, however, we doubt not that prudent, conciliatory, & christian conduct on your part will not fail to gain.

In conclusion, the Comee commend you to God & to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up & to give you inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Draw nigh to Him & He will draw nigh to you. Be strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus: so shall your light shine before men to the glory of your Father which is in heaven, & so may you comfortably hope for His blessing on the work of your hands.

By order of the Committee,
William Jowett,
D. Coates
Secs. C M Society

Church Missionary House,
October, 1838.

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Church Missionary House, London,
October 15th 1838.

My Lord, I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to inform your Lordship of the departure of Two Catechists in the Society's service, last week, for Trinidad. Their names are Mr Thomas Gilbert, & Mr E. J. E. Hawkins.

Mr Gilbert is married, & under the charge of his family a lady is also proceeding in the same Ship for Trinidad, expecting to be united in marriage to Mr Redford, one of the Society's Catechists in that Island. As there were two Females, & but one Catechist, when their passages were first enquired after, it seemed best, with a view to economy & the comfort of the female passengers, to engage passages direct to Trinidad. The appointment of Mr Hawkins to accompany them (though he was previously assigned to Trinidad) did not take place till after the other three were under the engagement to that Ship.

I mention these circumstances, in order to account for their not going by way of Barbados,

& beg at the same time to assure Your Lordship that the Committee are not unmindful of the suggestion made by you to that effect, nor of the kindness which prompted it. I remain with great respect

My Lord,

To The Right Reverend
the Lord Bishop of Barbadoes.

Your Lordship's obed.t & faithful Serv.t
William Jowett
Sec. CMS.

Church Missionary House
Oct. 16th 1838.

Rev. W. K. Betts

Dear Sir,

Since the despatch of our Letter of Aug. 14/38 the following communications from the Mission have reached us:

Your Letters of July 27th & 2 of Aug. 14/38.
Minutes of Quart. Meeting of Corr. Com., July 2 & 6/38.
Two Letters to Rev. R. Woodcock & Mess. Kelly & Mark of June 5/38, with their replies, respectively.
Your Letter to W. W. Hawkins, June 5/38
Plan of proposed House at the Grove
List of Stations in Jamaica
Mr. W. A. Ashley's Letter to You, June 29/38
Rev. J. L. Dixon's Letter to you, July 27/38
Rev. J. Stubbins' Journal of his Visit and Mr. Dixon's residence at Accompong, May & June 1838.
Rev. J. Stubbins' Letter, Aug. 7/38.
Mr. J. Gillies' Report of Mr. Stubbins's proceedings at Accompong
Rev. J. S. Hoffing's Letter, July 14/38.
Mr. J. Gillies' Letter, July 28/38.
W. W. Hawkins' Letter, Sept. 6/38.
Rev. W. Morris' Letter July 29/38.
Indent of Articles for the Mission.

2. Though there are some things in these communications of a very painful nature, particularly the case of W. W. Hawkins, there is much to encourage us & you, and to call forth our thankfulness & praises to the God of all grace.

3. These Despatches also present many important topics for consideration. We have not yet had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Com.ee upon them; but hope to be able to do so previously to the departure of the Rev. R. Panton who, accompanied by Mrs. P., has taken his Passage on board the "Duke of Bronte", appointed to sail on the 25th Inst. There are however some points on which

we may make a few remarks.

4. As Mr. Gillies' Letter of July 28/38 relative to his marriage with Miss Elliott pressed for decision, we have already brought it under the consideration of the Comt. Appreciating the reasons assigned by Mr. Gillies for desiring to take this step, & the recommendation of the Corr. Com., the Comt. have given their sanction, although his period of residence at his Station has not extended to the full term prescribed by the Regulation on the subject. Having come to this decision they have apprised Miss Elliott of it, and that they are prepared to make arrangements for her going out this season, if agreeable to her. Should Miss E. decide on joining Mr. Gillies this season we hope to engage a passage for her in the "Duke of Bronte", that she may enjoy the advantage of coming out under the protection of Mr. & Mrs. Panton. You will have the kindness to apprise Mr. Gillies of these proceedings that he may be prepared to receive Miss Elliott in case she come out in the "Duke of Bronte", as we think it probable she will.

5. We are sorry to observe by Res. 1. of the Corr. Com. of July 6/38 that they feel hurt by the course pursued by the Comt. on the appointment of the Rev. T. Cr. gill to Swanswick without a previous reference to them. We assure you that in this proceeding the Comt. had not the remotest idea of acting towards the Corr. Comt. with the least disrespect or want of due deference. It arose in fact out of the peculiar circumstances of the case, which rendered it necessary for the Committee themselves to act on it without referring it to the Corr. Comt. It certainly did not at all occur to them that the course pursued by the Comt. in this matter would excite painful feelings in the Corr. Comt., as we conceived it would be fully understood by them that while the Committee thankfully avail themselves of the valuable services of that body, they did not restrict themselves from taking here any step in reference to the Mission which peculiar circumstances might seem to them to call for. Their principle has been, as the whole of their proceedings show, to delegate the administration of the affairs of the Mission as much as possible upon the local body. The advantages of this course they have largely experienced & are gratefully acknowledge; but like all other general rules it is necessarily subject to exceptions, under special circumstances; and such an exception the Comt. conceive the case of Swanswick to be.

6. Of the eligibility of your appointment to Swanswick, abstractly considered, we are most perfectly satisfied. We rather fear, however, that its being made by the Corr. Comt. without previous communication with the

Lord Bishop of Jamaica, as appears to have been the case, may involve the Cor. Comm. in some difficulty, as we certainly have no pretension to assume the patronage of that Station.

7. We have no doubt the Comm. will approve of the arrangement made in October [illegible], that Bills on us should in future be drawn or Countersigned by the Chairman & Secretary. Considering the large amount of the present expenditure of the Mission this arrangement was called for, for the sake of the Cor. Com. themselves, as well as of the Parent Comm. We do not however perceive that it hence follows that the office of Treasurer should be discontinued. We should conceive that a useful place would still be advantageously found for such an office. At all events we should have been glad to have the reasons on which the discontinuance of the office of Treasurer was grounded fully stated.

8. The proposition of the Cor. Comm. for the erection of a house at the Grove for the Society's purposes will of course receive the careful consideration of the Comm. It may however be convenient to you that we should state at once that we apprehend that there are considerations of general nature, quite apart from the eligibility of the plan abstractedly considered, to restrain the Comm. from such an outlay for buildings in that quarter.

9. The case of Mr. Hawkins is a very afflicting one. The whole of the papers respecting it have been carefully considered by the Comm. Mr. Hawkins also appeared before them, and an opportunity was given him of stating fully whatever he thought proper in vindication of himself or in explanation of the charges which have been made against him. In the issue the Comm. were unanimously of opinion that it was undesirable that Mr. Hawkins should be retained in connexion with the Society. The Comm. felt strong dissatisfaction at the character of your written communications with Mr. Hawkins, & especially of your making him acquainted with the charges against him in the very same terms in which you sought information upon them from the Rev. W. [illegible] & [illegible]. They at the same time thought that it would have been well, had circumstances permitted, the Cor. Com. themselves to call Mr. Hawkins, & hear from him any statements which he might wish to make respecting the charges against him. The Committee are aware that there were difficulties in the way of doing this, in Mr. Hawkins' case; but to a certain extent it disadvantages the

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position of the Corr. Com. that he should have it in his power to say that he was not permitted to be heard in his own defence. The case however is unhappily too clear a one to admit of any doubt as to the justness of the Corr. Committee's decision.

10. We have no doubt that the Committee will cordially approve of the re-appointment of J. N. Wildman Esqr. as a Member of the Corr. Comee.

11. The articles applied for shall (D.V.) be forwarded in the Duke of Bronte.

12. We thank you for the List of the Society's Stations & the attendance at the Schools. There is however one defect in it, which is to us a serious one, its not distinguishing the Schools aided by the Government Grant. The absence of this distinction in Accounts & Returns greatly embarrasses us, as it disables us from giving that information to Government which the Comee. are obliged to give & which the Government are justly entitled to expect.

13. Other parts of your communications before us will require notice hereafter. Indeed the mode in which the Corr. Comee. can most effectively advance the Society's interests in the Mission, dispersed as their residences are over the Island, will require the mature deliberation of the Comee..

With kind ~~[illegible]~~ regards to Mrs. Betts

We remain, Dear Sir,

Truly & affectionately yours,

D. Coates

Sec. CMS

Church Missionary House London,

Octobr. 18th 1838.

Dear Brother Winckler,

I cannot at this moment remember, not having my letter books by me, whether I have duly congratulated you on your marriage. But as that is a duty which I seldom fail in, I incline to believe that I have done it in due form: certainly my heart has often congratulated you. One of the questions which I am wont to anxiously ask of the married Missionaries is, whether their wives will vouchsafe to write me a letter. A lady's letter is generally simple: formality & effort is what I do not want. I should desire Mrs Winckler just to dot down on any slip of paper that is by her, a few memoranda of the character & behaviour of Children & others about her — the chief matter of any Spiritual conversation which she has had with any that look up to her for religious instruction & consolation (surely there are such) — or any cases of death or sickness, in which there has been some manifest blessing from God. You can suggest these things to her, as you are yourself a Journal-Writer, & put her into the way of rendering us this service. Several of the Missionaries' wives find time to write me a letter, longer or shorter.

What I have written to the other Brethren I write to you also concerning this great change that has taken place in the civil condition of the population around you. Wonderful it is, most certainly: but how much of its advantage would be lost, were not Missionaries, & Ministers of the Gospel generally, & all genuine Christians, now to follow up the work by promoting abundantly the work of Christian Catechization & education.
is the time for you to remember the words of
"Meditate upon these things: give thyself

wholly unto them: that thy profiting may appear unto all." From all secular questions between Employers & Employed, you are exempt: you are not "a judge or a divider" (Luke 12: 14.) But this affectionate counsel you should constantly inculcate "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Believe me to remain, Affectionately Yours,
Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 18. 1838.

Dear Mr Holt,

I am desirous of writing to you, as I have done & am doing, to all our Missionary Labourers in Jamaica, on occasion of that new era which has been brought about in the British Colonies, wherein Slavery once existed. It is indeed a wonderful event: but the proper advantages of it cannot be secured, unless Missionaries, & all Christians like minded with them, put forth their energies to the work of Christian Education & Teaching. You have now, with Mrs Holt, had ample time to get your mind & hand effectually trained to this work: & the population must look to you & similar labourers for their best of blessings. It is indeed an office that may well humble you; & nothing that I am saying is designed to lift you up: rather I aim at simply quickening & spurring you on. The training of the young in Bible knowledge, in habits of devotion, obedience, love & order, together with those exhortations which you have the opportunity of giving to persons of all ages, will be a boon of unspeakable value both to the present & future generation - & that, both for Time & for Eternity. Magnify this Office, not Self. Which I do not say under the idea that you are magnifying Self; but but only through the general apprehension, that Self (where he can) will enter. Work humbly for Christ.

You will find it right in these new circumstances, to avoid whatever might seem to make you "a judge or a divider" (Luke 12:14.) Without mixing yourself in the details of questions that may arise between Employers & Employed, urge constantly on all the evangelic rule Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

I remain, Very truly Yours,
Wm Jowett.

Oct. 18/38. Mr Gillies

Ch. Missionary House, London,
October 18th 1838.

Dear Mr Gillies,

You will, I trust, be much relieved in your mind, on learning that the Committee have readily acceded to your request, on the subject nearest your heart; & in due season you will see prayer answered. I quite feel in your case that it is not good for man to be alone. In my communications with Mr Knox I have not entered into the mention of your depressed feelings: I might very possibly, in attempting so to do, have said something not exactly descriptive of your state. Your dejection is sufficiently accounted for by your loneliness: & when that is removed, the effect will no doubt, in great measure cease also. Besides, it is given to some men to see more deeply than others, into the corruption of their own hearts: this is partly the result of a natural intellectual gift: but it is much more to be regarded, in the case of the Children of God, as a special discipline of grace. When it is thus with us, we should aim not to frustrate the grace of God: his design being, to make us feel our own nothingness & vileness, we should go on to consider the complete sufficiency of Christ, our Surety & Head. "And ye are complete in Him." What a thing to be said

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of a sinful worm of earth! But let not that sinful worm presume to refuse to be made what the Almighty Saviour promises to make him. Let us not turn from despondency to presumption: they seem to be opposite extremes: but here they meet; despondency saying "My guilt is too great to be forgiven", & presumption denying the power of our Saviour-God to forgive all sin.

I will add a word on the altered state of things in your Island. You will now have great need to lift up on high the golden Rule of Love. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore Love is the fulfilling of the Law." And this you should do, without making yourself a party to any party-matters: you are not "a judge or a divider (Luke 12; 14). You have better work to do.

Believe me, Very sincerely Yours,
Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, October 18. 1838.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Though we do not receive very minute accounts from you, such as we could wish, yet we still hope that they will come. In fact, without them a Missionary Labourer does not completely fulfil his obligations to the

Society, & we at home cannot so satisfactorily guide & counsel them.

The new era which has taken place in the West Indies suggests many important topics of advice. Was ever the necessity of sound Christian Education & Exhortation more clearly shewn? This, in its measure, depends on you & your wife. Your sphere should be unweariedly filled up with steady teaching, conversation & friendly advice, only, on Christian principles. This saving clause will keep you, as a Missionary Labourer, out of some troubles, possibly. You will feel that it is not your business, in conversing with Employers & employed, to be a judge or a divider (Luke 12;14). Aim – (while you decline interfering with the details of questions that may arise betwixt man & man) aim at the root of Selfishness. And let this passage be your constant theme – "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Will you tell Mrs Newman that I received some months ago a letter from her Sister at Wisbeach, gratefully acknowledging the books which I sent her, & describing her own spiritual state. It is a region, you know, surrounded with darkness & I believe a letter from me would be acceptable. That letter, however, I cannot write: for as my situation brings me near to many persons, my time would be absorbed if I were to engage so to do. To such persons I speak by my printed little books; which I have therefore largely distributed to that end. I would rather suggest that when your wife writes to Wisbeach, she should speak clearly on the Scripture doctrines of free grace, sufficient grace, efficient grace – all the fulness that is in Christ Jesus! You must not forget relatives at home; & in thus writing, you will be watering your own souls, & growing in the holy art of evangelically instructing the objects of your Mission.

I remain, Yours very truly,

Wm Jowett.

Rev. W. K. Betts

Church Missionary House

Nov. 1. 1838.

Dear Sir,

1. The "Duke of Kent" being still detained, and likely to be so for some days longer, we enclose a duplicate of our Letter by Packet on the 16th ult. Since that date no communication from Jamaica has reached us.

2. Since the despatch of our last Letter the state & circumstances of the Jamaica Mission have been fully considered by the Comm^ee. The result was the adoption on the 28th ult. of the series of Resolutions now enclosed. On some of the topics embraced in these Resolutions we purpose to write more fully by the Rev. R. Panton. In the meantime it may be in many ways advantageous that you should be in

possession of the views of the Com^{ee}. respecting the Mission as exhibited in the Resolutions referred to.

3. In the first place it affords us strong satisfaction to assure you of the cordial response of the Com^{ee}. to the Resolution of the Cor. Com. July 4 1838 expressive of their approbation of the manner in which you have discharged the duties of the Secretaryship during Mr. Panton's absence. The clearness & fulness & punctuality with which you have placed before the Com^{ee}. the proceedings of the Com^{tt}. Mission have very materially assisted them in forming their judgment of its state and in framing measures suited to its present circumstances. For ourselves we cannot adequately express the comfort and advantage which we have derived from the regularity of your correspondence and the detailed information which it has embraced. We earnestly pray that on resuming more statedly your ministerial duties in the Mission you may fully enjoy the Divine Blessing in your own soul and in your work.

4. Resolution 1. recommends considerable alterations in the mode of administering the affairs of the Mission. We propose to enter on this subject more at large in our next Letter. At present we will only say that the Com^{ee}. here have long felt with the Cor. Com^{ee}. the desirableness of rendering the operations of the Local Body more prompt and efficient than heretofore; and that it has been the aim of the Com^{ee}. in the arrangements suggested to meet the peculiar circumstances of the Jamaica Mission. It will of course be open to the Corr^{d} Com^{ee}. to suggest any modification of the proposed plan which experience or fuller information may show to be calculated more completely to accomplish the object in view.

5. You will see by the 2^{d}. Resolution that the Com^{ee}. adhere to their former decision with regard to the admission of the Missionaries into the Cor. Com^{ee}. While however they have been unanimous in coming to this conclusion they have been equally unanimous in requesting you to continue a member of that Body. The peculiarity of the circumstances in which you have been placed makes

the Comte. solicitous that you should remain in the Corr. Comee. for the advantage of the Mission as well as out of regard to what is due to yourself. We hope therefore that the Corr. Com. will continue to enjoy the advantage of your counsels & services.

With kind regards to Mrs Betts and assurance of our esteem & regard,

We remain, Dear Bro.
Truly & affectd. yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
November 14. 1838.

Dear Sir,

1. We enclose a duplicate of our Letter to the Rev. W. L. Wells of the 8th Inst., and of the Resolutions of the Committee respecting the Jamaica Mission adopted on the 23d ult. No communications from the Mission have reached us since that date.

2. The most material of the accompanying Resolutions is the first which comprises a series of Regulations suggested by the Committee with a view to the increased efficiency of the Corrs. Committees' operations. The necessity of some alteration with a view to this end has long been felt both in the Island & here. The Regulations under notice are those which have occurred to the Committee as best calculated to meet the peculiar circumstances of the Jamaica Mission. In other cases where Corresg. Committees are formed the Members are all resident on the spot or in its immediate vicinity. Hence an attendance of members can always be secured for holding Special Meetings as well as for those at stated periods. In Jamaica the case is different in two most important particulars. 1. Kingston is clearly the place best suited in a variety of respects for the centre of the operations of the Mission. Yet there is not one member of the Corr. Com. resident there. 2. Not only so, but almost all

the members of the Corr. Comee. resident at a distance from Kingston, several of them at a considerable distance, from Kingston and that in a country where from local circumstances the communication is difficult, slow, and expensive. The only mode of effectually overcoming these difficulties which has presented itself to the Comee. is to devolve much of the responsibility of acting, under certain circumstances, on the Secretary of the Corr. Comee.; subject to the superintendence and eventual control of that body. To adjust the due exercise of these functions the Comee. found it to be a matter of some difficulty. The necessity of the case demanded an effort to solve that difficulty, and its solution is attempted in the best manner which the Committee could devise in the Regulations now suggested. It is very possible that in the practical working of them they may be found susceptible of advantageous modification, and the Committee earnestly solicit the co-operation of the Corr. Comee. in order to their being carried out in the form which experience and fuller local information may shew to be most conducive to the interests of the Mission.

3. After a renewed consideration of the question of admitting the Missionaries into the Corr. Comee. the Comee. have been brought to the same conclusion as formerly. They are of opinion that the objections in principle to this arrangement are insuperable. This view of the case is not founded on any want of confidence in the Missionaries, but solely on a consideration of the special duties which the Corresp. Committee have to discharge. The case however of the Rev. W. K. Betts is so peculiar as in the judgment of the Committee, to constitute it an exception to the general rule, it is therefore recommended in the third Resolution that Mr. Betts should still continue a member of the Corr. Comee.

4. The fourth Resolution records the judgment of the Committee that they do not deem it advisable to sanction the proposed erection of Buildings at the Grove. They were led to this decision not merely on account of the large outlay which would be required for the erection of the proposed Buildings, though that in the actual state of the Society's general expenditure, would

have made them hesitate to adopt the plan recommended by the Corr. Comee. Their main objection arises from regarding the extension of the Society's operations in the West Indies as a temporary proceeding, directed to meet to the extent of their means the circumstances attendant on the transition of the Coloured population from a state of slavery to a state of freedom. In this view they have always avoided as much as possible any considerable outlay for Buildings beyond what was absolutely necessary for the carrying on with efficiency the operations in which they were actually engaged. The reasons which have determined the Committee to this course gain strength with every successive year, and the present hopeful prospect of the favorable issue of the great change which has just passed on the social condition of the West Indies population indisposes the Comee. more strongly than ever to incur such an expense for Buildings as that contemplated at the Grove. They therefore recommend that such provision as may be requisite for the objects specified in the 3d. Resolution of the Corr. Com, July 4-6/38 should be made in the most economical manner consistent with efficiency & with the general views of the Comee. respecting the Mission, which have just been explained.

5. The seventh Resolution presses on the Corr. Comee. the obligation to draw forth ~~the~~ local resources in aid of the Mission and in diminution of drafts on this country in its support, to the utmost of their power. In fact the present expenditure of the Society in the West Indies presses upon the general resources of the Society to an extent which is really inconvenient and embarrassing. The Comee. trust that by the exertions of the Corr. Comee. means may be found materially to relieve this pressure. The Committee are the more justly entitled to expect this enlarged local pecuniary aid, as the objects to which the efforts of the Society are directed — the religious & moral improve-

ment of the Coloured population and those habits of industry, order, and subordination, which are the sure fruits of religious principle, tend so immediately and so powerfully to promote the interests & welfare of the landed Proprietors and of the community at large. Possibly among other means it may be advisable to draw up and circulate extensively to the Planters & others an Address, explaining and enforcing the claims of the Society to their liberal support as well as out of regard to their own interests as to the welfare of the enfranchised population.

5. We have already communicated the entire and cordial concurrence of the Comee. with the Corr. Comee. in the approbation which they have recorded of the Rev. W. L. Bell's services as Secretary of the Corr. Comee. during your absence from Jamaica. It is very grateful to us, fully participating as we do the sentiments of the Comee., to be the channel of thus communicating them.

6. The eighth Resolution conveys the acknowledgments of the Comee. to Mr. King for his services to the Society as Treasurer of the Corr. Comee. While the Committee approve of the arrangements of the Corr. Com. with regard to the drawing bills on the Society & the auditing the Accounts of the Mission, they do not perceive that those arrangements supersede the office of Treasurer, & therefore in the 7th. Resolution they request a fuller statement of the views of the Corr. Comee. on that point.

7. It is very satisfactory to the Comee. to find that Mr. Ashby has so conducted himself in the discharge of his duties as Catechist that the Corr. Comee. are disposed to promote his admission to Holy Orders. In the ninth Resolution the Comee. express their acquiescence in the course proposed by the Corr. Comee. in furtherance of that object by his admission into the Institution at Islington for preparatory studies. It is requisite however that Mr. Ashby should distinctly understand that previously to his admission it will be

requisite to paſs through the usual course of examination by the Committee. No Student however highly recommended is admitted into the Institution without paſsing this examination and it could not therefore be dispensed with in the case of Mr. Ashby. It is however to be presumed from the probation to which Mr. Ashby has been subjected in Jamaica, and the result of it that he will approve himself to the Committee as a suitable Candidate for Holy Orders. The matter however must be suspended on the judgment which the Committee shall form on his qualifications when he shall appear before them.

8. It is scarcely neceſsary to say that the Committee will be thankful to Mr. J. R. Wildman if he will occupy a place on the Corrg. Committee in the event of his returning to Jamaica. This we understand is likely to take place in the Spring.

9. It has occurred to the Committee that it is poſsible that some pecuniary aid in support of the Miſsion might be derived from the people connected with the Miſsion Stations, under a well considered plan for that object. It would probably be attended in its details with some difficulty, but the principle of deriving the support in whole or in part of the Christian Teacher from those who benefit by his instruction is sound and Scriptural. We therefore recommend the subject to the consideration of the Corr. Comee. and shall be glad to receive a statement of their views upon it.

10. The Comee. acquiesce in the course which the Corr. Comee. recommend respecting Mr. Paul and will be glad to find that the favourable impreſsions of the Corr. Comee. are confirmed by the event.

11. Mr. Seſsing has requested some books to aſsist him in his preparation for Holy Orders. They are included in the shipment by the "Duke of Bronte". Be so kind as to forward them to Mr. S. immediately, as we fear he has been in much want of them.

12. The correspondence between the Rev. D. Seddon &

the Rev. W. K. Betts, respecting certain particulars in Mr. S.'s expenditure, has given us much pain. We offer a few remarks on Mr. S.'s Letter (June 18/38). -

(1) Several articles were ordered by Mr. Seddon without the previous sanction of the Cor. Comt.; as a Gown & Surplice, & Medicines. This course of proceeding the Committee cannot allow. A leading object in the formation of a Cor. Comt. in the different Missions is the regulating and controlling the expenditure, which such a body from their local information is better fitted to do than the Parent Committee; and the head of incidental expenditure is that in reference to which their regulation and control are peculiarly needed. It must therefore be considered as a settled principle that no expenditure of this description is to be incurred without a previous reference to the Cor. Com. and their express sanction. If any one acts notwithstanding in contravention of this rule, the responsibility for the payment of the debt so incurred must rest with himself. In this instance a gown & surplice might have been supplied from home at less than half of the amount paid by Mr. S.

(2) With regard to the allowance for a Horse, the Cor. Comt. must fix the sum which on their own information they learn to be sufficient, and with that amount the Missionary must make provision for this part of his wants. This is done in Sierra Leone, and has been in practice for many years to the entire satisfaction we believe of the Missionaries, there seems no good reason to make the extra allowance on account of his horse, asked for by Mr. S.

(3.) The expenses incurred by Mr. S. at Kingston seem to have been unnecessarily high and therefore improper.

(4) The rule of the Cor. Com. not to pay salaries in advance is a very salutary one: Mr. Seddon's case fully proves the necessity of its adoption.

On the whole case we would further observe that the Cor.

Comee. must consider themselves fully authorised to decide on the propriety of all items of expenditure of an incidental or miscellaneous kind, & that it is peculiarly important that they should closely watch all expenditure falling under these heads, as it is under them that individuals are apt to exceed and the total expenditure of the Mission thus be carried to an undue and unanticipated amount

12. We have received a Letter from Mr. A Voysey, Aug. 28/38, stating that he had written to his partner Mr. Suter, Fenchurch St., London, for certain articles for the Chapel at Rural Hill, to the amount of £50 sterling, and intimating that the Rev. W. J. Woodcock would write to us about the payment. Mr. Woodcock has not written to us about nor have we heard any thing on this subject from the Cor. Comee. We therefore apprised Mr. Suter that we declined sanctioning the order on account of the Society, and that if the articles were sent out it must be wholly on Mr. Voysey's & Mr. Suter's own responsibility. It is to be distinctly understood that no expense is to be incurred on account of the Society for the Jamaica Mission without the sanction of the Cor. Comee., or by yourself under the Regulations adopted by the Parent Comee. on the 23d ult.

13. Mr. Voysey also suggests that all building matters should be referred to him. We apprehend that this would involve very serious expense to the Society, and when you are on the spot you will probably be able to relieve the Missionaries from much of that burden of secular business which has hitherto devolved on them. How far it may be advisable in particular cases to engage the services of Mr. Voysey it will be for the Cor. Comee. to decide, as those cases arise. In the event of Mr. V's professional services being in any instance engaged we should recommend that a clear understanding be come with Mr. V. as to the amount which he is to be paid for them.

14. With regard to Para. 1. of Mr. Bell's Letter of Sept 8/37 it is clear that in every case where a horse has been provided for

a Missionary and the individual quits the Mission the price obtained for the horse should be paid to the Society. This principle indeed applies to every article of outfit which has been supplied to a Missionary at the expense of the Society.

15. The difficulties with regard to the Titles to the grants of lands at Appleton & Bonavista have not been overcome and we are far from sanguine as to the practicability of overcoming them.

16. By this Ship the "Duke of Bronte", Capt Harris, we forward various supplies which had been requested for the Mission. The shipment also includes a carriage for the use of the Secretary of the Corr. Comee. The Committee have incurred this expense, though considerable, under the impression that it will in the end prove a saving to the Society thus to provide the means of conveyance rather than leave the provision to be made on the Island. The shipment also contains a large supply of a small edition very neatly done up of separate books of the Scripture. These are intended for sale to the Negroes who value the Word of God and to whom these little books may prove acceptable. A few of them might perhaps be advantageously used as Reward Books to the more advanced scholars in the different Schools. You will have the kindness to say whether an additional supply of these books for sale would be desirable. We also send two sets of Cooper's Sermons for the use of the Catechists. We recommend that the sets be divided and the volumes distributed as you may judge best. A further supply of Sermons of this description will follow. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

17. We now proceed to state the topics which were brought under your notice when you took leave of the Committee on the 30th ult.

18. Your sojourn in this country has more fully informed you as to the views of the Comee on various details connected with the office of Secretary of the Corr Com. As regular & full information on

these details is of very great importance to the Committee, they do not doubt that you will resume the duties of your office in Jamaica duly impressed with their views and feelings on this head.

19. One very material object to be kept in view by the Corr. Com. in the whole of their proceedings and by yourself as the organ of that body is the specific nature of their & your duties. They are – the superintendence & direction of the whole of the affairs of the Mission in matters of a non-ecclesiastical nature. This is a distinction which the Commee are most solicitous to maintain in every case in which a Mission of the Society is carried on within the Diocese of a Bishop of our Church. It is the more important to keep this distinction in view in the case of Jamaica because the whole Island is divided into parishes and brought under the same general arrangements as a Diocese in this country. This circumstance may render the course of the Corr. Com. on some occasions difficult and embarrassing. These difficulties & embarrassments will however be adjusted without serious inconveniencies so long as the Corr. Commee restrict themselves to matters within their own province and an amicable & full communication is maintained between the Bishop & themselves. It will be especially your duty to promote and strengthen this good understanding between the Bishop and the Corr. Commee.

20. Another leading object contemplated by the Parent Committee in the appointment of a Secretary to the Corr. Commee is to secure regularity, punctuality, & despatch in the transaction of the business of the Mission, which by its extension has grown to a large amount. This branch of your duties includes – 1. communications with the Parent Commee, & 2. with the Missionaries & Catechists. As to the first, the Commee will look for regular & detailed information by the earliest opportunities on all matters regarding the state & circumstances of the Mission, as well as on those points

on which their express decision may be called for. In order to give you a more distinct idea of the character of the information desired we enclose some duplicate copies of the Minutes of the Madras Corr. Comm^ee. Besides these Minutes, copies of the Documents on which all decisions of the Corr. Com. on material points were founded should be transmitted, together with a full explanatory Letter from yourself. 2. As to the Missionaries the Comm^ee. deem it important that you should maintain a regular and punctual correspondence with the Missionaries & Catechists – duly and without inconvenient delay bring under the consideration of the Corr. Comm^ee. all matters arising out of the proceedings of the Mission which require their decision – see that all sanctioned supplies whether of money, publications, or otherwise, be regularly & promptly forwarded to each Individual in the Mission – personally to visit the several Stations from time to time for conference with the Missionaries & Catechists & to inform yourself accurately of the whole state of the Mission – and very especially to carry on a kind and friendly correspondence with the Missionaries, directed to guide & counsel them, to encourage, to animate, & stimulate them in their work

21. You will be especially careful to furnish us regularly with detailed & distinct information on all points connected with the Government grants in aid of the erection of School houses or the payment of School masters' Salaries. This information should include (1) the actual cost of each School house, its size, geographical situation, & the number of Scholars which it will contain; (2) the number of scholars in each School; distinguishing the average attendance from the number borne on the books, (3) a list of the Schoolmasters aided by the Government grant, the amount of their salaries, & where located, (4) what is taught in each School, the number of Classes, & the proficiency of the Scholars. To this you will add any other information which may appear requisite

in order to put us in a situation promptly to give the Government at home the information on the subject which the grant of public money entitle them to expect from the Society as to the manner & results of its appropriation. In order fully to meet this object we beg you will prepare Quarterly Returns, embodying the information referred to above, to be made up to the 31st of March, 30th of June, 30th of Sept., & 31st of Dec. in each year, to be forwarded to us by the first Packet after those dates. We wish you to procure such a Return fully & accurately made up to the 31st of Dec. 1838, immediately after your return to the Island.

22. Another object to the accomplishment of which the Comee look through your instrumentality is the increase of local pecuniary aid to the Mission. To this object therefore you will have the kindness immediately to apply yourself on your arrival in Jamaica. What we have said above on this subject renders it unnecessary to do more here than to press it in the strongest manner upon your notice as essential to enable the Comee to sustain their operations in the Island.

23. The Committee further rely on your best exertions to promote economy in the whole expenditure of the Mission. The necessity of a vigilant attention to this object is especially imposed on us by the large expenditure at which the Mission is now carried on. You will therefore carefully consider & watch over that expenditure in all its branches, that no part may exceed the limits requisite for the object to be attained by it, with the strictest regard to a judicious economy

24. Another object which the Committee commend to your notice is to foster & place on the most efficient footing practicable the Normal School. We need not to you dwell on the importance of the agency of the Coloured persons as Teachers adequately to provide for the religious instruction of that class.

Let no pains be spared then in order to bring forward Youths suitable for the Normal School, & to place them under that course of instruction in it which may best fit them to become, under the Divine Blessing, pious, intelligent, steady, diligent, & faithful Teachers of others.

24. We cannot close this Letter without the expression of our thankfulness to God for the tokens of His favour & blessing vouchsafed to this Mission which the communications from it display. The present state of the people while it strengthens the obligations to be instant in season & out of season in imparting to them religious instruction, affords abundant encouragement for the discharge of this duty. May each of our friends prosecute his labours in faith & prayer, with humility, wisdom, zeal, & diligence, and may "the blessing from the Lord" so prosper "the work of their hands" that the people of their charge may become "free indeed" by being introduced by their instrumentality into the glorious liberty of the Gospel of Christ!

25. You are aware that Miss Elliott is to be a fellow-passenger with you in the "Duke of Bronte", & that she goes to Jamaica to fulfil a matrimonial engagement with Mr. Gillies. We scarcely need say that we shall feel much obliged to you & Mrs. Panton for any attention which you may show her on the voyage and after her arrival in Jamaica.

With earnest prayers to God for you that you may enjoy a prosperous voyage and an abundant blessing on all your future labours,

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
William Jowett
D. Coates
Secs. CMS.

Rev. T. Youd. Nov. 29/38

Church Missionary House, London,
November 29. 1838.

Dear Brother Youd,

We follow you in all your travels, & in all your afflictions, with much interest & sympathy. First of all, let me assure you that I felt deeply the tidings of the removal, so early, of your partner. Time has since been passing over your head with a great variety of exciting & interesting events: but that one event is such, in a man's life, as may not be forgotten very soon; in a certain sense, never. I see in your journals, that in a congregation on one occasion tears would force themselves from your eyes, at the thought of your bereaved condition. It is indeed a point of great, yea of divine wisdom, to hear the rod, & who hath appointed it. To hear God himself speak, after he has smitten, not merely while he smites. He evidently summons us to self-recollection, & to the recollection of his own holy attributes - his wisdom especially, & power & love. Recollection! what need have of it! - It has always struck me, as shewing the deep feeling of Scripture, & its peculiar suitableness to our nature, that when a lesson is about to be taught on the subject of affliction, the very first thing done is, to remind us from our

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forgetfulness. Ye have forgotten — (Heb. 12; 5.) And then the exhortation still deals with us, as with natures very capable of soon relapsing into forgetfulness. Nay, which of us does not feel this? There is, dear brother, — believe a man not without experience — a certain hurry even about the work of God — and it is peculiarly incident to Missions. For Missions require zeal, activity, enterprize, & a sort of everlasting youth in our spirits: — but Missions also require gravity, calmness, solidity, occasional pauses, and the expenditure of time. Often do I feel all this, & much more. I feel that if God himself did not sometimes stop me, I should run on, till I stumbled. I do sincerely hope, that my writing thus may convey to you, what I truly feel, joy at seeing your activity, & a desire only that you may gain in a large measure the spirit of power, of love & of a sound mind.

When writing, I oftentimes have endeavoured to imagine in what state will this letter find my correspondent — in health, or sick; in good spirits or low; in a large city or a wilderness; with much fruit of his labours, or mourning under disappointments? But I find my guesses are good for very little; — excepting only that when I have written, supposing that the Missionary *might* possibly be in some trouble, sorrow or perplexity, it has very often

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turned out that my letter came seasonably. So I write, therefore, to you: be looking unto Jesus, dear brother, as your only helper in chief, & to all affectionate & faithful brethren in Christ, as being fellow-helpers. Bear ye one another's burdens, & so fulfil the law of Christ. Our Lord has a rich recompense for those who thus learn from Him, & who thus follow him.

I remain, affectionately yours

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London. Nov. 29th 1838.

Dear Brother Beman,

I was sorry to find that my letter, which you acknowledge, was so many months in reaching you. This arises from my writing only by merchant-ships; no point of business requiring my letters to go by the more expensive way of the packet. Mine are letters chiefly from the heart to the heart: and that charity which hopeth all things must lead you & me to believe that we are often thinking of one another & praying for one another, even when we do not speak or write. Sure I am, this is the case with me; for I greatly value the remembrance of you & your wife, accounting some minutes that we have spent together very profitable to my own soul.

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You also, I am persuaded, remember us in this country constantly in your prayers: we have much need of them — at all times — & we feel the need of a praying people all the world over, very much at this time. There is such a shaking of men's minds in many places, that we want to have our hearts more firmly attached to that kingdom which cannot be moved — that kingdom which is righteousness, joy & peace in the Holy Ghost. There are some passages in your letters, dear brother, which I well understand; but which it is better not to touch too strongly in a letter. I am glad to think that Mrs Gould had the benefit of your pastoral attendance in her last days. There are some cases in which we can but say to one who appears to be a dying believer, "Look to Christ, look to Christ!" We may not in some relative positions be too enquiring: it might be productive of no benefit — but when we are persuaded that the soul is truly directed to Christ, we may leave the case with him. He is infinite in love, power, wisdom. What a privilege, to leave our patients in the hands of the Great Physician!

There are other points I could touch on, were it fitting; for I well see your —

position & feelings. Especially we may commend your quiet, solid, continued attachment to the Church under some trying circumstances. But now, dear brother, are you not sometimes reminded of the truth of Solomon's saying "Is there any thing under the Sun, of which it may be said, this is new"? But does not all you see & meet with, tend exceedingly to open your eyes to the value especially of the epistolary parts of the New Testament? As we learn the value of the Bible generally best in seasons of affliction; so, Ministerial trials are designed to make us, as Ministers & Missionaries, enter more into the history, experience, & writings of S. Paul. Blessed be God for that servant of his, that chosen vessel, given to the Church of Christ, as a vessel of honour, meet for the Master's use, & so well adapted for our study & imitation! Follow him, as he followed Christ!

Believe me, Affectionately yours,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House
December 1. 1838.

C Houghton Esq

Dear Sir,

1. We were favoured with your Letter of Aug. 15/38, and the communications which it covered.

2. It was with very great regret that we learned the Rev. L. Strong's separation from the Church of England. Under these circumstances we request that the Corr. Comm. will have the goodness to make such arrange-

ments as they may deem best for drawing their Bills on me, and the transaction of their other business

3. We enclose a Letter to the Rev. Mess. Bernau & Youd, which after reading for the information of yourself & the Corr. Com. we request you will forward to Mr. Bernau

4. It was satisfactory to the Comm. to learn that the Lord Bishop of Barbados had considered Mr. Carter qualified for admission to Holy Orders. May he obtain mercy to be faithful, and may his labours in the ministry receive much of the Lords blessing! We should be glad to know who is Mr. Strongs successor in the parish of St. Matthews, & in what point of view he may be disposed to regard Mr. Carter & the Society's Catechist in the Mission.

We remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours
D. Coates
Sec. Ord.

Church Missionary House
Dec. 1. 1838.

Rev. Mess. Bernau & Youd

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our last Letter, July 16/38, of which a Duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from you have reached us:-

Rev. J.H. Bernau's Letters, June 8. July 21/38
Rev. T. Youd's Letter, June 20/38, & Journal Apr. & May/38.

2. These communications have been brought under the consideration of the Comm. and have led to the adoption of the Resolutions copied below.

3. The Comm. fully concur in the principles applicable to such a Mission as that in which you are engaged as explained in Mr. Bernau's Letter of July 22/37. They also strongly approve as you will perceive by the 1st Resolution of the manner in which Mr. Bernau has applied the principles in question to the Bartica Grove Station. The result of that application of them affords much encouragement to persevere in doing so. With this view they have set apart a Catechist to be associated with Mr. Bernau at the Grove especially with a view to the formation of the Normal School recommended by Mr. Bernau. The formation of such an establishment falls in entirely with the views of the Comm. It is indeed one of that

description which they are most solicitous to introduce into every Mission of the Society at the earliest practicable period, from a thorough conviction, the result of ~~which~~ much experience, that it is chiefly to the agency of Natives themselves that, under the Divine Blessing, we must look for the extensive propagation of the Gospel among the heathen, and that it is in such Institutions that Native youths must be duly and suitably trained to become efficient Teachers of their countrymen. This Institution therefore the Comtee. recommend in the strongest manner to Mr. Bernau's care and attention, and that he should direct its arrangements with a view to the preparing Teachers for the various Tribes scattered over British Guiana. The Comtee. also earnestly request Mr. Youd to shape his proceedings in the interior with a view to the Normal School at the Grove by bringing forward Boys & Youths from the different tribes prepared to enter into it with such elementary knowledge as may place them in a situation to profit by its advantages without lowering its character as a School for Teachers.

4. The Comtee. much approve of Mr. Youd's exploratory journeys into the interior. The fixing on a site of a Station there is a step of much importance and not to be decided on without much deliberation and on a full view of the claims and advantages of different Tribes & Districts. They are therefore of opinion that this question should not be decided without full and authentic information both as to the people & the country. They doubt whether such information has at present been sufficiently obtained to warrant your safely deciding the point. The Comtee. are quite clear that it ought on no account to be formed except within the ~~[illegible]~~ known limits of the British Territories. This decision of the Comtee. sets aside Pirara, from the doubt which exists as to whether it is the Braz ~~[illegible]~~ or in Guiana. We conceive too that on general grounds it would be unadvisable that the Station should be near the frontiers. Such a situation would seem unnecessarily to expose it to danger if not to destruction in case of hostilities between the two countries. The matter too should not be decided without conference between yourselves & the fullest interchange of your views & opinions on a proceeding so deeply involving the future welfare of the Mission.

5. The Comtee. are not prepared to dissociate Mr. Doyce from the Grove Station, at least not until that Station shall have arrived at a consistency

and be so supplied with Teachers as to admit of it without risking its progress. Indeed it is the Comm.s view that this Station should be entirely under the direction of Mr. Bernau, Mr. Youd's sphere of duty being in future in the interior. The report which in his latest communication Mr. Bernau was enabled to give of the progress of things at the Grove under the plans on which he was acting renders it necessary, in the judgment of the Comm. that he should be placed under circumstances to secure the complete development of them.

6. The Comm.ee sympathise with Mr. Youd under his various trials & the perils and privations of his journeyings in the interior. It is highly satisfactory to them to see him displaying so much energy & activity in the discharge of his duties, and they pray that it may please God abundantly to prosper the work of his hands.

With kind regards to Mr. Bernau,
We remain, dear Brethren
Very truly yours
D. Coates
Sec CMS

Rev. Mess. Muhlhauser & Hickel.

Church Missionary House
December 1. 1838.

Rev. Mess. Muhlhauser & Hickel

Dear Brethren,

1. We last wrote to you Oct 8/38, by Mess.rs Gilbert & Hawkins, and have since received Mr. Muhlhauser's letters of Sept. 10th & Oct. 9th.

2. Mr. King's death is a deeply afflicting event, and is the more felt from his being the third of your number who has thus been cut off almost immediately after entering on the scene of his labours. May these awakening dispensations be sanctified both to us and to you! The arrival of Mess.rs Gilbert & Hawkins will be the more seasonable in consequence of the privation to which the Mission has thus been subjected. We bless God that you and the other

Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser Eckel
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members of the Mission have been restored to health. May it please God abundantly to bless you all in your future course!

3. Your last Letter respecting Mr. Eckel's marriage was immediately communicated to the Committee. As Mr. Eckel has now resided at his Station the full period required by the Committee's Regulation previously to marriage they at once sanctioned his entering into that relation should he think fit to do so. They only require that the union should be formed with an Individual of a decidedly religious character & possessing such other qualifications as may render her a helper to him in the work in which he is engaged and these are considerations the Comm. do not doubt will equally weigh with Mr. Eckel himself as with them.

4. We saw the Rev. George Cummins during his stay in England, and had the satisfaction of receiving from him a favourable account both of yourselves & the Mission.

5. We were glad to learn that the question between yourselves and the Governor relative to the grant of land to the Society at San Fernando had at length been settled by the Governor to your satisfaction.

6. The Communion Service & the Bell which Mr. Muhlhauser requests shall be forwarded with the next Shipment.

With kind regards to all,
We remain,
Dear Brethren,
Very Truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. Cmd

Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary Ho.
Dec 20/38

Dear Brethren

1. We last wrote to you by Messrs. Gilbert & Hawkens on the 1st Inst. of which Letter a Duplicate is enclosed. No communications from the Mission have reached us since the date of that Letter

Dec. 24/38. W C Carter

2. Our object in writing at present is to inform you that that part of the outfit of our friends which was shut out of the "John Pirie" is forwarded in the "Prince of Coburg" which takes this. The Invoice & Bill of lading are inclosed

3. The Bell promised in our last has been ordered, but is not yet ready. Mr King's name will be placed upon it

Renewing our kind regards to all

We remain

Dear Brethren

Yours truly

D. Coates

Church Missionary House, [illegible]

London, December 24. 1838.

Dear Brother Carter,

Since I last wrote to you, it has pleased God in his Providence to call you to bear an Office in the Sacred Ministry: & I congratulate you on it, because I hope & trust the same God will, by his special grace, more & more fit you for the due discharge of that office. The Apostle speaks of "using the office of a Deacon well:" & he there, ~~[illegible]~~ in the immediately preceding context, describes what that office is. And in his very description he seems to advert to some of the snares to which in the primitive Church a Deacon might be liable. I do not dwell upon them particularly, because I sincerely trust your own heart is roused to watchfulness on this point. The very peculiar circumstances, under which you were appointed to minister in the same place where you had previously been would help to warn you on the necessity of holding the mystery of the faith: a mystery indeed, & yet a simple mystery. Among various other topics which naturally occur to me at such a time as this, one of the greatest is, a sound knowledge of the Bible. This is not attained without careful study & humble, believing Prayer. Without Study, we may often be tempted to regard the operation of our mere feelings as a sufficient comment on the sense of Scripture: & without Prayer we shall beyond a doubt be led to mistake great learning for genuine wisdom, & sink the spiritual character of the Revealed Will of God down to the level of our mere natural Understanding. Almost all the errors in the Church, in Ministers & People alike, spring from separating these two, Study & Prayer: (2.) the wise endeavour to combine them, & are thus rendered wise, & are fitted to teach those Scriptures, which are able to make men wise unto Salvation. May you, dear brother, so lay to heart these few, simple remarks, as that your profiting may appear unto all men!

Remember too, that active labour will be constantly needed at your hands. Still condescend to men of low

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estate, & be willing to spend & be spent for the name of Christ. Believe me to remain,

Affectionately Yrs

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
Decr. 27. 1838.

C. Houghton Esq

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 1st Inst. by Packet. A Duplicate of that Letter is enclosed, and of one to the Rev^{ds} Kernan & Pond of the same date. The only communication from the Mission which has since reached us is a Letter from Mr. Kernan of Oct. 15/38.

2. By the ship the "Monument", Capt. Johnston, we forward the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed

3. We are much pleased with Mr. Kernan's Letter. His plans are so judicious and so well grounded that it is the wish of the Committee that the Cor. Com^{ee}. should render him every assistance in their power in prosecuting them.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Ind^d

R Panton

Ch Miss^y House
Mar 9/39

Dear Sir

1. Since our Letter of Nov 29/38 the following communications from the Mission have reached us

From letter
Rev W K Betts Oct 13/38 Nov 13/38 Dec 10/38

Rev. R Panton, Dec 27/38

Min of Cor Com^l. Oct 5/38 Dec 5th & 6th/38

Bishop Jamaica' Testimonial resp^t Rev W Morse Sep 27/38

Extract from Rev W Seddon Letter & Report

Missⁿ Answers & Schedule to Rev W K Betts (with^t date,

Mr J Pollett Oct 26/38 Nov 16/38

Acct of purposes of School houses erected with the aid of Parliament Grant Nov 6/38

Rev W J Morse to Rev W K Betts Oct 2/38

Surgⁿ Bygrave Med^l certificate of Rev W Seddon's health
Dec 8/38

We were thankful to learn that thro' the good Providence of God you & your family & Miss Elliot have been brought in safety through your perilous voyage.

2. The tidings of the Rev E Connor's death deeply affected us. His course in the Mission had been such as greatly to commend him to the esteem & affectionate regards of the Com. His early removal by death is a severe loss to the Mission. Under such a dispensation we can only say, "it is the Lord" & rest in humble submission to His wisdom, faithfulness, & mercy. The appointment of the Rev. W. K. Betts to the charge of the Normal school is a judicious proceeding & one which merits the entire approbation of the Committee. We regard it as providential that at the time Mr Betts was disposable for this very important post. May it please the God of all Grace greatly to bless his labours in it.

3. You advise us in your above mentioned Letter of a Bill for £1250 at thirty days sight. This mode of drawing upon us, is materially inconvenient both as to the date & amount of the Bill. We therefore request that in future no Bill may be drawn for a shorter date than thirty five days, nor any one for a larger amount than £500, varying the period for which your Bills are drawn, so as to avoid our being called upon for more than £500 on account of the Mission on the same day

4 We feel the force of the observations contained

in No. 8 of Mr Betts' letter of Oct 13/38 in reference to Catechists coming out to the Mission with the prospect of admission to Holy Orders. It is difficult to decide positively against a hopeful Catechist being eventually admitted to Holy Orders, should his conduct in the Mission be satisfactory & he be found capable of passing a respectable examination by the Bishop. At the same time we are quite aware of the practical inconveniences which have in point of fact been found to arise from an Individuals looking forward to such a change in his position. It has, we fear, had the effect in more instances than one, of unsettling a Catechists' mind & of leading to the neglect or the misperformance of his appropriate duties. All however that can now we apprehend be done by the Corr. Com. with regard to the Catechists now in the Mission is to follow the instructions of the Committee with regard to those Catechists whose ultimate admission to Holy Orders, provided their conduct is satisfactory to the Corr. Com., has been sanctioned by the Par. Committee. With regard to the other Catechists it rests with the Committee to exercise their own discretion as to their being presented to the Bishop for Ordination or retained in their present situation.

5 Under the recommendation of the Corr. Com. the Committee acquiesce in Mr Pettitt's being presented to the Lord Bishop of Jamaica as a Candidate for Holy Orders at such period as the Corr. Com. may think fit.

6 It is gratifying to observe that Thos Clarke Nicholls has so far profited by his training in the Infant School as to be deemed competent to act as an assistant Teacher. It is to this source that the Corr. Com. must chiefly look for the strengthening of the different stations.

7 We are glad to find that there is the prospect of obtaining a grant of Land at Mooretown on which to erect one of the School houses needed by the Parliamentary Grant. The completion of this arrangement will be highly satisfactory to the Committee.

8 We abstain at present from referring further

to the Rev W J Woodcock's proceedings respecting the buildings at Rural Hill than to express our regret at them, not having yet had an opportunity of ~~laying~~ bringing the subject under the consideration of the Committee

9. Some other topics contained in the communication before us we must defer remarking upon till another opportunity

10 By this Ship "Statira" we forward the usual Publications to the present date & some packages on private acc^t. The Invoice & Bill of lading are enclosed. By an early ship we hope to forward the additional sets of Sermons which have been applied for

We remain

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

D. Coates

Sec^y CMS

Rev. Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel.

Church Missionary House,
London, March 25, 1839.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our last letter of Dec. 20/38, of which a duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from you have reached us:–

Revd J. G. Muhlhauser's letter, Nov. 14/38.
Revd A. E. Eckel, Feb. 25/38 & Nov 20 & 22/38.
Petition from San Fernando to the Govr on the desecration of the Sabbath, Sept. 3/38.
Bp. Barbadoes to the Governor, Nov. 3/36
Revd A. E. Eckel's Acc^t Curr^t, Jan to June /38.
—— D^o —— Summary of Acc^t Curr^t, Jan /36 to June /38
Particulars respecting Mr Eckel's Acc^t Curr^t
Return of Schools at Savanna Grande, Oct /38
Revd J. G. Muhlhauser's Acc^t Curr^t.
Report of Schools at San Fernando, Dec. /38.

Mar. 25/39. To Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Report of Schools at Belmont & Clydesdale, Dec./38.
Port of Spain Gazette, Sept. 4/38.

2. We were thankful to hear of the safe arrival of Messrs Gilbert & Hawkins & Miss Fox.

3. We are unable to do more at present than acknowledge your communications hoping to do so more at length by the ensuing Packet.

4. By this ship, the "Thomas", Capt. Richardson, we forward the Church Bell promised in our last letter, a Communion Service, the usual Publications to the present date, &c. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

5. When we next write it will be requisite to address you on the subject of your Accounts. At present we can only convey to you the desire of the Comee that the entire expenditure of the Mission may be brought into one Account attested by you both. We now enclose a Duplicate Account Current of the West Africa Mission for the purpose of shewing you more distinctly the form in which the Comee wish your Account to be made up.

6. We regret that the Revd A.C. Eckel's Account Current for the Half year ending Dec. 31/38 has not yet reached us. Neither have we yet received the Returns of the Mission according to the printed Forms sent out. It is a serious inconvenience to the Comee not to receive your Accounts & the Returns of the Mission regularly & they earnestly request your punctual attention to the subject in future.

7. We were disappointed at not receiving from Muhlhauser a letter with his Account Current to the End of the year. The obscure situation in which his remark is made relative to a Bill of Mr Eckel's caused it to be overlooked. A matter of so much importance ought to have been communicated in a letter & the amount of the Bill stated.

With kind regards to all in the Miſsion;

We remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

(2)

Revd R. Panton

Church Miſsionary House,
April 15, 1839.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 9th ult., of which a duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from Jamaica have reached us:

Your letter, Feb. 6/39
Min. of Corr. Comee. Jan. 10-22/39.
Mr J. Cook's letter, Feb 5/39.
Revd J. F. Seſsing, Feb 5 & Mar 22/39.
Account Current of the Miſsion, 1838.

2. We were unwilling to omit writing by this packet though we are so situated as to be able to do so only very briefly.

3. Our former correspondence relative to Swanswick will show that in proposing to occupying it the Comee were aware that their doing so was a deviation from the general rule by which the Society's proceedings in the Miſsion is governed; but that they were prepared to make this exception to the rule on account of various peculiar circumstances connected with the case. Should the Corr. Comee therefore find that they have an Ordained Miſsionary at their disposal who could be placed at Swanswick, the Comee are still prepared to acquiesce in such an arrangement. We conceive there is no probability of the Comee's being able to send out a Miſsionary from home to occupy the station.

4. It is still leſs likely that the Comee should be able to send out a Miſsionary for the Camanas.

5. You are aware of the general views of the Comee relative to the Jamaica Miſsion. The neceſsity of contracting our operations there, or at least of very materially diminishing the demands on the Society's funds in this country for the support of the Miſsion, is, we apprehend, rendered imperative by the actual state of our finances. The Accounts not being yet fully adjusted,

the exact amount of the Income & Expenditure of the year just closed cannot be stated. It is however clear that the Income will not much exceed £72000, while the Expenditure has risen to £90000. In this situation a reduction of expenditure is unavoidable; & on a full view of the state of the different Missions there is little doubt, we believe, that the Comee will be of opinion that the Society's operations in Jamaica are susceptible of reduction with less inconvenience than those of any other Mission.

6. We have several remarks to make on the Account of the expenditure of the Mission above acknowledged, but are obliged to postpone them at present.

7. The Comee felt very strong satisfaction at the favorable opinion expressed by the Lord Bp. of Jamaica of the character & labours of the Society's Missionaries & Catechists in his Lordship's Diocese. We trust that their course will continue to be such as to commend them to the favorable opinion of their Diocesan.

8. We recommend that the Reports, Accounts Current & Returns of the Mission & other documents of considerable weight & not of pressing importance be sent by ship. In such cases they should be put in a box or made up in an Oil Cloth Parcel & entered in the ship's Manifest giving us by the ship a Letter of advice describing the contents of the Package & giving the name of the ship & Captain. Your own Letters, the Minutes of Comee Meetings & other documents of importance should be forwarded by Packet as heretofore. Communications by Packet should be written on thin paper with an envelope as thin as is consistent with the security of the contents, such Packets being charged by weight.

9. Our remarks on the remainder of your communications we are compelled to defer to a future opportunity.

With kind regards to all,
We remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

D. Coates
Lond

Rev R Panton, May 15/39.

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
May 15. 1839.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 15th ult. no communication from you has reached us.

2. We have not yet had an opportunity of referring to the Cont. those matters in your communications which require their decision; but it is requisite that we should enter a little more fully than we were able to do in our last Letter into our financial situation. This was referred to in that Letter and is fully explained in the Abstract Report which is forwarded by this Packet. The cost of the Jamaica portion of the West Indies Mission in the last year was £4996. 1. 1. This is an amount quite disproportionate to the just claims of other Missions, & which the Society cannot bear for a continuance. We must therefore in the strongest manner urge on the immediate attention of the Corr. Comm. three points. 1. A careful revision of the whole expenditure of the Mission with a view to ascertain whether reduction is practicable in any part of it, consistently with the health of the Missionaries & the real efficiency of their labours. 2. The absolute necessity of deriving, if possible, a large proportion of the cost of the Mission from resources in the Island. This in fact we consider absolutely indispensable, if the Society is to continue to operate to any extent in Jamaica. 3. The immediate preparation & transmission of a detailed Estimate of the cost of the Mission for the current year; i.e. from Jan. 1/39 to Dec. 31/39.

3. We proceed to notice some Items in the Cash Account of the Mission for the year 1838.

4. Feb. 24th. Surplice & Gown, £15. 0. 0. These might have been procured more cheaply from this country. We notice this Item for the purpose of requesting the Corr. Com. in future to procure from hence all such supplies for the Mission as can be purchased more economically in England than in Jamaica. Have the goodness therefore to forward Quarterly, or more frequently if needful, an Indent including all supplies of this description, & forward it to us by Packet. In preparing the Indent you w

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be careful to describe each article with such particularity as to size, kind, quality, &c. &c. as to secure the supply being such as you wish for.

5. April 26th. William Meacock's Bill, £233. 9. 7. This Item is much too large to be charged as a sum without fuller explanation than the Account gives. It would also seem that some of the articles thus supplied by Mr Meacock ought to have been provided for by the Missionaries out of their salaries.

6. May 17th. Commission £158. 17. 8. To whom paid & why?

7. Augt. 16th. Bed Linen & Towelling £16. 1. 8. Why not provided by the Missionaries themselves. There are besides numerous smaller items which would seem to be of a description to be met by the Missionaries.

8. The charges for Law Expenses which occur in the year's Accounts are exceedingly heavy.

9. There are many other items in the Account which might be noticed as requiring explanation in the same way. We particularize the above for the purpose of drawing the attention of the Corr. Comtt. strongly to the whole of the last year's expenditure both as to its object & rate in making that revision of the entire expenditure of the Mission, recommended above.

10. There is another point respecting the Account which calls for notice. It is the form in which it is rendered. It is in fact a mere transcript of the payments made from day to day on account of the Mission. What the Committee require is a digested Annual account of the whole reduced to suitable heads & exhibiting under each the rate of payment, time, for ~~what~~ which the payment is made, and any other particular by which a judgment may be formed of the propriety of the expense incurred. To assist the Corr. Comtt. in making out such an Account we copy below a Form agreeably to which we request that that for the present year may be made up. You will of course consider yourself at liberty to insert any additional heads in order to present a clearer or fuller view of the expenditure of the Mission.

11. We have omitted to state above that the Committee wish that no further expenditure be incurred on account of buildings except the completion of the School houses for which we are pledged to Government or others the erection of which has

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already been commenced.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House
May 15. 1839.

C. Houghton Esq

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Dec. 27/38 the following communications from British Guiana have reached us:-

Your Letter, Feb. 14/39
Mr Roberts' Letters, Nov. 30/38, Jan. 28/39
Minutes of Corr. Com. Oct 10/38.
Rev. J H Bernau's Letter, Dec. 9/38
Rev. T. Youd's Journal, June to Sept/38, & Letter Nov. 6/38
Mr J. Boyce's Journal.
Rev. L. Strong's Letter Oct 22/38, & his Pamphlet 1838.
Rev. C. Carter's Letter, Jan. 2/39.

2. By a reference to the copy of our Abstract Report, forwarded to your address by this Packet, you will perceive that the Society is at present involved in very serious financial difficulties. You will also perceive that the cost of the Society on account of its West Indies Missions amounted in the last year to £17,193..19..1. Of that sum £2643.7.11 were on account of British Guiana. Now though the Comm.^ee have no reason to suppose that there has been any wasteful expenditure in this Mission, yet the height to which it has arisen renders it necessary that it should undergo a careful revision, in order to ascertain whether it is susceptible of reduction consistently with the health of the Missionaries and the general efficiency of the Mission. This object therefore the Comm.^ee earnestly recommend to the consideration of the Corr. Com.^ee

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3. The Committee further request that the Corr. Comte. will immediately prepare & transmit to them a full and detailed Estimate of the cost of the Mission for the current year; viz. from Jan. 1/39 to Dec. 31/39. In framing the estimate the Corr. Comte. will have the goodness to keep the cost of the Indian Mission entirely distinct from the other part of it.

4. The Comte. have to regret that in the case of the British Guiana Mission they have not lately received from the Corr. Comte. an Account Current of its expenditure. They request therefore that the Corr. Comte. will immediately forward such an Account for the year ending Dec. 31/38, and a similar Account in future, transmitting it as speedily as practicable after each year shall have closed. This Account which should exhibit the cost of the Indian Mission distinct from that of the other branch of it should reduce the expenditure of the whole to a few general heads. The heads which we would suggest are the following:-

(1) Salaries of English Missionaries, distinguishing whether Married or Unmarried, & the rate of salary.

(2) Salaries of Catechists, distinguishing whether European or Coloured, Married or Unmarried, and the rate of salary in each case.

(3) Cost of the purchase or erection of Buildings, distinguishing the object of each, and the School houses aided by the Parliamentary Grant.

(4) School Expenses in addition to salary, distinguishing the objects.

(5) Travelling Expenses, specifying the objects of the journey.

(6) Any other head which may occur to the Corr. Comte. and by which the Accounts may be rendered more clear & full.

5. In the present state of the finances they wish no expense to be incurred for buildings in the Indian branch of the Mission beyond what is absolutely necessary to place and to keep it in an efficient state. With regard to the other branch of the Mission they wish that no expense whatever should be incurred for buildings beyond those School-

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houses for the erection of which they are pledged to Government and in aid of the erection of which they have rendered a portion of the Parliamentary Grant.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,

Rev. Mess. Muhlhauser & Eckel May 15, 1839.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our letter of Mar. 25/39 the following communications from Trinidad have reached us:—

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's letter, Feb. 15/39.

Mr. R. Woodman, Feb. 12/39.

2. Our immediate object in writing at present is to call your attention to the state of the Society's finances. By the copy of the Abstract Report forwarded to you by this Packet you will learn that the Society is involved in very serious pecuniary difficulties. Our expenditure in the West Indies Mission amounted last year to £19,193 . 19 . 1. Of that sum the cost of the Trinidad Mission was £4554 . 10 . 1, £4153 . 2. 10 being comprised in Bills drawn from the Island. This is an amount of expense to occasion the Committee serious solicitude. They therefore request that you will immediately revise the whole expenditure of the Mission with a view to ascertain whether some reduction may not be made without risking the health of the Missionaries or impairing the

efficiency of their labours.

3. The Comee farther request that you will without delay prepare & transmit to them a full & detailed Estimate of the cost of the Mission for the current year ending Dec. 31/39, distinguishing each head of charge & the rate of it whenever it can be reduced to a fixed annual amount.

4. On this occasion you will have the goodness again to consider the question of the rate of salaries as it respects yourselves & the European & Coloured Catechists & Schoolmasters in the Mission.

5. In the present state of the Society's funds no farther expense must be incurred on account of buildings beyond the completion of those for the erection of which the Come are pledged to Government & the erection of which is aided by the Parliamentary Grant.

6. We have again to call your attention to the directions repeatedly given by the Come that all Bills on account of the expenditure of the Mission should be drawn by you jointly. We recur to the subject at present as one has recently been presented drawn by Mr Eckel alone.

7. We farther regret to notice that Mr Eckel's Account Current for the Half year ending Dec. 31/38 has not yet been received. The very large expenditure which has been incurred in Trinidad renders it the more obligatory that the Account of it should be punctually rendered.

Some other points in your letter we must postpone for the present.

With kind regards to all in the Mission,

We remain,

Dear Brethren,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House

June 27. 1839.

Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Dear Brethren,

1. We last wrote to you on the 15th ulto. We enclose a duplicate of that Letter and of our preceding one of March 26/39. We have now to acknowledge the following communications from the Mission:—

Rev. Al. Eckel's Letter, Mar. 26/39

—— do —— Memorial to the Governor, Jan. 23/39.

Mr. J. E. Martins' Letter, Mar. 26/39.

Port of Spain Gazette Newspaper, Feb. 26; Apr. 9 & 16/39.

2. The proposal of Mr. Woodman to connect himself with the Society as a Catechist has been brought under the consideration of the Committee. There is much in Mr. Ws. Letter which has made a favourable impression on the Committee. It is obvious, however, that they cannot form a decided opinion on Mr. Ws. eligibility for the office in question, from the contents of his Letter. As, however, Mr. Muhlhauser entertains a favourable opinion of Mr. Ws. qualifications usefully to discharge the duties of a Catechist in the Mission they refer it to Mr. M's. own discretion to receive Mr. Woodman into connexion with the Society as a Catechist or not, as he may deem advisable for the interests of the Mission. It is evidently a very advantageous mode of supplying the Mission with Teachers to engage on the spot persons of suit

able qualifications. Indeed in the present state of the Society's funds and circumstances we think it unlikely that the Comm.ee will send out from hence any additional Missionary or Catechist to the Trinidad Mission. We shall therefore be truly glad to find that Mr Woodman proves a faithful, humble, diligent, & useful fellow labourer with Mr M. in the work.

3. We find that the cost of a Seraphine will be forty two guineas. The whole expense therefore with Packing Case, freight, &c. will not be less than £50. We hope to forward the Instrument by an early ship.

4. The Committee have not yet decided relative to the proposed Church at San Fernando. The object is every way a most desirable one, but we fear that in the present state of the Society's funds the Committee will scarcely be able to spare the sum requisite for its attainment.

5. By this ship the "Favourite," Capt. Blenkinsop, we forward our Publications to the present date, some Tracts from the Tract Society, &c. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

With kind regards to all in the Mission,

We remain,
Dear Brethren,
Truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

July 13/39 Rev R Panton

Church Missionary House
July 13th 1839

Rev R Panton

Dear Sir

1 Since the despatch of our Letter of May 15/39 of which a duplicate is enclosed the following communications from the Mission have reached us. from yourself Mar 7/39 April 30 May 18th

May 23 Mr W Smith to you May 20/39
Reports from various stations
Minutes of Local CC Feb 27 to Apl 24/39
Rev W J Woodcock to Rev W K Betts Dec 28/38 Elmwood
do to do Apl 2/39 Coral Hill
do to do Apl 9/39 do
Mr C Boyzey to yourself Apl 16/39 Port Antonio
Mr A Findlay to do Apl 10/39 Coral Hill
Extracts of letters from Rev W J Woodcock May 2/39
Petition of Inhabitants of Long Bay to Rev R Panton
Estimate of work &c promised toward the schoolhouse by the Inhabitants of Long Bay

2 By this ship the "Dove" we forward the usual publications to the present date, they include six copies of our 39th Report. A larger supply shall follow. We enclose the Invoice & Bill of Lading

3 We hope to write more at length by the next Packet though it may not be till the following one.

Meanwhile

Dear Sir
Yours faithfully & affecty
D. Coates
Secy C M S

W. Roberts Esq. July 15/39. 3

Church Missionary House,
July 15. 1839.

W. Roberts, Esq

Dear Sir,

1. We addressed a Letter to Mr. Haughton on the state of the Mission, May 15/39, of which a duplicate is enclosed. Since that Letter was despatched the following communications from the Mission have come to hand:—

Your Letter of April 13/39, & one without date.
Rev. J.H. Bernau's Letter, April 22/39
Rev. C. Carter's Letter, Mar. 9/39.

2. By this Ship the "Hermeat," we forward the usual publications to the present date & the Rev. J.H. Bernau's Watch which had been sent to this country to be repaired. We regret that we could not obtain from the Printer sufficient numbers of the XXXIX th. Report to supply the whole Mission additional copies shall be included in the next shipment.

3. We cannot at present enter at length into the general state of the Mission. We must not, however, omit to state that Mr. Bernau's communications continue to give the Committee much satisfaction and that they greatly approve of the general course of his proceedings. Mr Edward Christian, who has been appointed to the Bartica Grove Station, especially with a view to the intended Normal School there, will, i.e., proceed to his destination in October. Mr. C. will we expect come out married. We mention the circumstance now that the Corr. Comt. may make the necessary arrangements for his being at once settled at his Station.

4. The Rev C. Carter inquires respecting his course now that he is in Holy Orders. The most natural one seems to be that he should continue in St. Matthew's Parish in such a sphere of ministerial duty as the Lord Bishop of Barbados may deem

it advisable to assign him. We recommend him therefore to enter into communication with the Bishop on the subject with a view to such an arrangement. Should a sphere of duty not be found for Mr. Carter in St. Matthew's, it will be for the Parent Committee to consider where Mr. Carter may be most advantageously located in furtherance of their plans in British Guiana.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.
Church Missionary House,
August 1. 1839.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,—

1. Since the despatch of our letter of the 15th ult. ~~the following~~ no communications from the Mission have reached us.

2. The Comm. have had under their consideration the circumstances of the Jamaica Mission as brought before them in the different communications received from it. The result was the adoption on the 9th ult. of the Resolutions copied below.

3. The Comm. regret that a difference of opinion should have arisen in the Cor. Comm. on two points so strong as to call forth the protest of one of the Members against the decision come to upon those points. They do not doubt however that the decision to which the Parent Comm. unanimously came upon the points in question will prove satisfactory to all parties & lead to the harmonious prosecution by the Cor. Comm. of the important objects confided to them.

4. The 1st Resolution expresses the opinion of the Comm. that the ~~[illegible]~~ services of a Treas. as a distinct officer are required in the actual state of the Jamaica Mission

5. The 2d Resolution sanctions the appointment of Mr. Tergill as Treasurer. On one or two points connected with this arrangement the Comm. have however taken a somewhat different view from that taken by the Cor. Comm. They are decidedly of opinion that the salary should be a fixed pecuniary amount, & not derived partly from a premium on Bills drawn, or

raised from any other contingent source of emolument. The Corr. Comtt. will therefore be good rule to determine what the amount of Mr. Orgill's salary should be according to the terms of the Resolution, having respect on one hand to what is fairly due to Mr. Orgill for the duties performed by him & on the other to the circumstances in which the Society is at present placed as to its finances.

6. On one point connected with the Treasurership the Comtt. have made an addition to the arrangement as formed by the Corr. Comtt. It is Mr. Orgill's giving security for the faithful discharge of his duties. This decision of the Comtt. does not spring, the Corr. Comtt. may be assured, from any want of confidence in Mr. Orgill; but is grounded solely on the general considerations by which they conceive themselves bound in administering the affairs of the Society. As Mr. O's office is one of pecuniary trust & a salary is assigned to him for the discharge of its duties, the Comtt. are of opinion that it follows of course that the Society should be secured against all risk of pecuniary loss. The precise amount of security to be given by Mr. Orgill the Comtt. refer to the decision of the Corr. Comtt., only requiring that it should be ample, so as to form a real protection to the Society against loss.

7. You will perceive by the 2d. Resolution that the Comtt. approve of the arrangement suggested in Par. 12. of your Letter of May 23/39. By this arrangement no Bill on the Ch. Miss. Socy. will be negotiable without the signature of the Secretary of the Corr. Com., as well as that of the Chairman of the Meeting at which the Bill is drawn. The Chairman's signature would of course be affixed at the Meeting, but the Secretary, unless under special circumstances would not sign the Bill until the period when it was to be actually negociated. Much advantage will result from such a course of proceeding, a smaller amount of cash will be statedly in the hands of the Treasurer; & the Secretary's signature will be necessary for bring the Bill into the market. We cannot doubt that Mr. Orgill will duly appreciate the motives of the Comtt. in placing the arrangements of his office on this footing.

8. The Comtt., it will be seen by the 4th. Resolution, have had under their consideration your salary, & are of opinion that it is inadequate. They have therefore directed that it be increased to £400 sterling per annum, commencing from Midsummer last, with House rent & travelling expenses as heretofore. The Comtt. trust this arrangement will be promotive of your usefulness as well as of your comfort.

9. The 3d. Resolution expresses the regret of the Comtt. that in the present state of the Society's funds they feel themselves compelled to decline to accept

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Swanswick, or that at the Caymanas. This indeed only one of the many cases in which they have been constrained to withhold themselves from undertakings in which they would have been glad to engage.

10. The 6th Resolution requests the Rev. J. P. Jones & Messrs Tomlinson & Orgill to become Members of the Corr. Comm. We trust this accession of Members will contribute to the increased efficiency of that body.

11. The 7th Resolution sanctions the presentation of Messrs Ashby, Cork, Forbes & Webb to the Lord Bishop of Jamaica as Candidates for Holy Orders at such period as the Corr. Comm. may deem advisable. While the Comm. do this they do not overlook the ~~a~~ serious inconveniences which may arise, & which in some instances have arisen, from Catechists being ~~becoming~~ diverted from the due discharge of their proper duties by looking forward to & preparing themselves for Ordination. On the other hand as the Comm. have never contemplated the permanent occupation of the West India Colonies as a sphere of operation for the C. M. Society, the admission of duly qualified Catechists to Holy Orders may facilitate the gradual withdrawment of the Society from the Island. The Comm., however, have no [illegible] intention of making any sudden or violent change in their course, though the present financial situation of the Society compels the Comm. to turn their attention to this subject.

12. The state of the Rev. C. Cornes's affairs at his death has occasioned the Comm. very serious concern. On fully considering the statements on this subject transmitted by the Corr. Comm., the Comm. have sanctioned the payment by the Corr. Comm. of the debts contracted by Mr Cornes in Jamaica. They have done this with extreme reluctance, as the contracting debts by a Missionary is in itself highly objectionable & the payments of such debts by the Comm. is liable, unless great caution be used, to operate very injuriously in its bearing on the conduct of others. At the same time after the statements made by the Corr. Comm. that Mr Cornes's salary was wholly inadequate to meet his unavoidable expenses, the Comm. could not bring themselves to [illegible] refuse to sanction the payment of his debts. The Corr. Comm. will have the goodness to take special care, however, that this case be not drawn into a precedent.

13. A few remarks are called for on some points not comprised in the Resolutions.

14. With regard to Mr Orgill's designation "Treasurer & Clerk". There is certainly somethin[g] [illegible] in such a combination of offices, and this circumstance appears to have

leave open the appointment to one of the most plausible objections to it. The Comt. there-fore recommend that Mr. Orgill should be simply designated Treasurer, with a recom the Minutes of the Corr. Comt. that as the Treasurer's salary entitles the Society to the whole of his time, that time should be given to the general business of the Mission in the manner which may best promote its interests & render proper assistance to the Secre tary in his duties.

15. Some matters we find we must pretermit or touch very briefly.

16. The Comt. regret that some circumspection was not used in making the origi nal arrangement for the Rural Hill Buildings; but as the matter stood at the Meeting of the Corr. Comt. April 24/39, they conceive they did right to proceed to the completion of Buildings. With regard to the suggested loan to meet the expenses to be incurred on account, we doubt whether it would in point of fact be more economical eventually to draw on us for the amount than raise it by loan. The Comt. will consider & decide which course will be most economical.

17. The Comt. strongly approve the measures contemplated by the Corr. Comt. for ob ing funds in the Island for the support of the Mission. These must be prosecuted in the most earnest manner. In fact it is only by largely augmenting those resources that it practicable for the Comt. to continue their operations in Jamaica with a view to the pe nent establishment of them but will be compelled, however reluctantly, at once to reduce the Establishments of the Mission. We may add that the providing for the support of the Mission by Pew Rents appears the best & soundest measures for the purpose. We are informed the London Miss. Society expect to provide very largely, if not wholly, for their Jamaica Mission by local resources.

I remain, dear Sir

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. CMS

Nov. 28/37 Instructions to Mr H Taylor

The Instructions of the Committee to Mr Henry Taylor, on occasion of his departure to Jamaica: Delivered Nov. 28. 1837.

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

The Comee meet, together with you & other friends of the Society, preparatory to your departure to those labours, in which it will be your distinguished privilege to be henceforth engaged, in Foreign lands. May the Spirit of Him, who breathed on his disciples, saying, "Peace be unto you!" - be now with us! A new & deeper sense of his pardoning love, giving us remission of sins that are past, is the foundation of that peace: & together with it, we also need a lively feeling of His gracious presence in the midst of us, shedding abroad love, joy, patience, gentleness, meekness, in all our hearts. If these things be in us, & abound, we shall find it good thus to meet, & thus to part: & we shall often be refreshed in future years by the remembrance that an answer was vouchsafed to this our short & simple prayer - "The Lord be with us!"

Your appointment to labour in Jamaica, by which the strength of our Missionary body there will be considerably reinforced, is rendered the more interesting & important by the circumstance that the time of the complete emancipation of the Negroes is now so nearly approaching. Each year now calls for the most faithful, prudent & zealous efforts in making known to them that holy Gospel, under the influence of which alone, their freedom can be a blessing to themselves & others.

To you, Messrs Hawkins, Cook, & Withy, who are proceeding as Catechists to Jamaica, the Comee address the same Instructions as those to your Brethren departing for West Africa.

To you, who are going forth as Catechists, the Comee would recommend the perusal of the reports of those labourers who have gone before you in this department. These accounts, are, more or leſs minutely, given in the pages of the Church Miſsionary Record. You will also have before you the living example of those who are now thus labouring in the Colony of Sierra Leone. The teaching & training of children will immediately be committed to your hands; & all that you know concerning our system of Mutual Instruction, Infant Schools, & general discipline, will be put into requisition. In this work also you will find all your past Studies of Scripture truth, & Scripture history to be available. This knowledge, above all others, it must be your daily busineſs to augment, in order to your becoming more and more instructed in the things that pertain to the Kingdom of God. As you advance in acquaintance with the native character, you will find some of those, among whom you perform religious services, inquiring from you more particularly the way of salvation. These, so far as it respects ministerial offices, you will refer generally to the Miſsionaries: yet in the mean time it should be your aim to enter into the feelings of these religious enquirers & learn from your more experienced brethren the best methods of dealing with Christian Converts. The Comee would not that their younger labourers should hastily engage in this department, which requires so much experience of the heart & knowledge of the world; but if, with prayer for the divine bleſsing, & a humble self-distrust, you gradually enter upon this work, you will in time render service to the seniors in the Miſsion in bringing forward hopeful natives for further instruction: & your own souls will be greatly benefitted, by this continual attention to experimental & social piety, as maintained among the pious Natives in their intercourse with the large Miſsionary family at Sierra Leone.

It is important to impreſs on all of you, regularity & frequency in your communications with the Corresponding Comee by whom your particular stations will be fixed, & through them with the Comee at home. In this respect some parts of the West Indies Miſsion have attained to leſs perfectneſs than others of the Society's Miſsions. Peculiar circumstances, moreover, wholly beyond the control of, either the local or Parent Comee, have occasioned, & yet may occasion, inconvenient delays or changes, in the aſsignment of Miſsionary stations. The Comee trust that with these considerations before you, you will patiently bear with whatever may be inevitable: in all things cordially cooperating with the wishes of the Corresponding Comee, & perseveringly preſsing forward to the high mark of your Miſsionary Calling.

By order of the Committee
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.